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*This work is severely practical and personal
It is divided into four parts*

*Part One discusses the central problem
That is, to know before anything in which
direction these years are likely to carry us
all Without reserve, the major trends from
the war are shown, as also is the new shape
which will be given later to human history*

*To have a map of the woods is to walk
through even the dark depths of them with-
out undue fear of being lost That this map
I offer is in the nature of a reconnaissance,
rather than an ordnance survey, is explain-
able more by limits of space at my command
than by lack of desire on my part Brief as
it is, it nevertheless offers any intelligent per-
son a good guide*

*Part Two considers you in relation to
these years*

*Part Three contains conclusions on the
best personal map for your coming years,
but note that its sufficiency depends upon
proper assimilation of Parts One and Two*

*As to Part Four this contains practical
ideas for your use during these important
years They are the best I can offer, and I
wish to heaven someone had taken as much
intelligent and sincere trouble for me after
the first world war It would have saved me
much mental suffering I believe this work
can save you such suffering That is the main
purpose for which it has been prepared*

There are two points to which importance attaches. The first is that the views expressed are not, in any sense of the word, partisan. Studied misrepresentation of recent years obliges me to give a categorical denial to any suggestion of my participation in political, religious, or other movements. It is, unquestionably, exceedingly difficult for any man with a vital mind to avoid the intrusion of purely personal opinions upon what, ideally, should be those of complete scientific detachment. I think I can safely say that wherever such private opinions have found expression they have been confined to places where they were merely a human right, and where no interference with scientific facts could possibly be alleged. I am not interested in flogging horses for sectional interests and have never indulged in this practice.

My second point is that I am very deeply indebted to innumerable kindly critics (and to some not so kindly) for suggestions and for useful additions to my knowledge. If the present work increases that debt to my readers I shall be found patiently receptive and more than grateful. You are, therefore, not asked to accept what I have said here as pontifical utterances, which can be left to our more self-assertive writers. I am content to adopt the quieter tones of a friend in conversation and sincerely trust that, at the end, the friendship will still mean more to both of us than the conversation.

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PART ONE

YOUR WORLD



1 ANGLE OF VISION

One of these days, when scientists have been taught that we ordinary people dislike their present services to war makers, it is possible that the book may be transformed. I can almost imagine the thing our grandchildren will use. It will have a series of buttons (like everything else in those days) and on being plugged in to the mains will permit the Reader to answer back. Authors will then have to be more careful. I do not envy them.

Meanwhile, seeing that you cannot answer back without very considerable trouble, it seems to me that courtesy demands an explanation of the angle of vision back of this book.

This is given. It has as its principal angle the helping of ordinary everyday men and women to face, and deal effectively with the hazardous years ahead. I propose to do this by the study of the following factors:

- 1 *The general nature of certain years to come*
- 2 *The possible effects of those years upon your type of individual*
- 3 *The charting of a course for you, shewing the dangers as well as the lugher possibilities before you*
- 4 *The formation of some kind of working understanding of astrology (and other things) to consolidate your efforts*

That is ambitious enough in all conscience, but would have been better contrived had that book-with buttons been ready so that we could have discussed all this together.

Let us spare a little time to examine this angle of vision, taking the four chief factors in turn.

1 Concerning the years to come We have become used to an association of them with 'post-war plans' of varying types A sense of something new has held our minds, something to start at a certain date, as if (to use a worn phrase) a 'new world' were to be born the moment the Great Powers signed treaties

Some people have spoken as though they expected human-nature to be changed over-night Others have suggested that we must accept this political idea, or that, whereupon all will be as heaven on earth To these we have listened hopefully, but at length we have asked the fatal question, 'For whose benefit?' All in all it has been a useful lesson in human frailty and stupidity

You and I should be able to make better use of experience to get a sensible viewpoint Most of us remember how the first world war ended and the miserable story of the years following Some of us can remember the 'post war years' at the beginning of the century, and these are least likely, one would have thought, to ramble off in day dreams about our current problems The outstanding truth about *all* wars is that they leave behind them new and greater problems, especially for the common people, and that fanciful ideas about a 'new world' go everlastingly booming around till reality kills them Is not that so?

I want you to think back as well as forward, noting the errors which have always marked 'post-war years' Why, it is only necessary to point to three such errors to revise ideas about the present time

First, the error that men could pass from learning homicide as a national duty to peaceful ways of life without continual reminders of the savage lessons of war *Men who have learned to argue with a machine gun do not easily turn to the quieter arts of debate* Russia and Germany, in particular, gave full proof of this after the first world war Further proofs are awaiting us in coming days

Second, the error that men can (in some manner not explained) be changed for the better by Act of Parliament. Faith in this idea is going to have a great shaking, believe me!

Third, the error—the terrible error—that lies in viewing humanity as enjoying the privilege of running the world as it pleases without reference to any higher plan than is found in some sectional political creed. It is an error which has had the fullest encouragement of science and of most political leaderships. It has led, of course, to misuse of natural resources (burning of millions of bushels of food-stuffs for example, to maintain prices), and to misuse of men's lives. A scientist who holds this horrible view of the world finds nothing repulsive about devising explosives to decimate cities, a politician with this view is not abashed by starvation of a population. All is regarded as paving a road to power—the power of a comparative handful of men with enormous scientific resources at their command. *This error, if given further encouragement, will destroy humanity. Every thinker worth a moment's consideration agrees with this verdict.*

These errors, and others nearly as evil, seem to me to live on in practically all the planning talk we have heard. There is not the slightest evidence of their not being repeated. Do you realise this? Unless you do you may as well throw away all hopes of ever seeing a 'new world'. You will never see it until, with millions of your kind, you insist on the elimination of these errors and their causes.

My angle on the years to come, then, is formed by a conviction that most of the 'post-war plans' will fail for one reason or another and that most of the talk concerning them is ludicrous humbug. These plans are chiefly the work of kindly old gentlemen whose good intentions seem very nearly a gramophone recording of the good intentions of similar old gentlemen of 1919, plans which are a mixture

of so many parts sheer utopian ecstasy, so many of subtle obliging of big interests, so many of simple vote-catching. They do not appear to have considered it possible that young men returning from the wars are very tired of old gentlemen and wish to run *their* version of the 'new world' in different ways. It cannot have occurred to them that we ordinary people are still wondering at the titanic self esteem of some who, architects of Dunkirk, Singapore, and the rest of it, now come forward with blue prints for rebuilding a world. But we have endured enough from their former jerry-building and (forgive the pun) their ridiculous Jerry building up.

Again, my angle on the years to come is formed from a clear determination that, so far as I can help prevent it, men and women do not have to experience what their elders knew after the first world war.

When that war ended I found myself with no clear idea of what I could do with no plan for what I wanted to do and (for the first time for years) no orders concerning what to do. In fact, also, I had nothing to do. There were thousands in the same condition. Never before had so much been owed by so few to so many—and the few left the debt unpaid until the many had reached three millions. Who can forget? I preach no retaliation and am too sick of politics to argue a cause but *I know why those conditions came about and like thousands of similar men shall not be caught with the same poppycock this time!* That is one reason why I am writing this book.

2 Concerning the effects of coming years upon you. Here I point in all simplicity to my own experience already stated. Is it not substantially true that you face these years with a hazy notion of what you can do? Have you any better plans to cover what you want to do? Are you not emerging from a time when all was ordered for you—destined to

succeed or fail now upon your own initiative?

My angle upon all this will be shaped by the need for an understanding on your part of who and what you are. This has to be reinforced by clear statements, so far as I can give them, on the main influences you may feel as you proceed.

I shall begin with some kind of picture of you in mind.

Am I not correct when I form a picture, not too flattering perhaps, of a person tired of almost the name of war?—of a person who has been subjected to so much propaganda that this perfectly good word has become a name only for highly-colored inventions?—one for whom the pomp of great speeches is too like cake for breakfast, lunch, and tea, and as boring as any other kind of puff-and-blow?—for whom the involved language of forms, plans, Acts of Parliament, and all the rest of the word mania, means little?—above all, a person who desires mostly a little peace and—did you say—'quiet'?

You want to get at your garden. You have a long-standing—years long, perhaps—engagement at a certain bar. You think most of all of home and those few comforts which, somehow, were heavenly. And the 'job'!—yes, you want to get back to that. So it goes.

I think this a fairly good picture of you. Truth to tell, it is in many particulars a picture of me, too. There is an all pervading sanity about it. Not that we care little for social improvements, and the rest of the great ideas—no, but we are rather tired, and shaken by our experiences. Maybe we will let the 'new world' wait a week or two. For the things we are starved for are everlastingly new for us. They strike us as 'first priorities'. Perhaps, Great Statesmen, we are right.

We are right to this extent, that no 'new world' which does not grant us these simple things will be

of those ideas which have always lain somewhere at the roots of all truly successful endeavour

Every one of us is like what I think most about. There is undoubtedly a way of thinking which gives force and splendour to any man's doings, no matter how humble his situation. The life lived without some such stabilized thought-processes is usually a wasted life. Again, to be without stable thinking is to be at the mercy of the propaganda mongering interests—to be a mere victim of the tides set up in the world. It is recognition of these facts (note the word—facts¹) which has led me to extend the scope of this book beyond the normal field you expect astrological works to occupy. Mark you, as I hope to prove to you, there is no reason for surprise at this but rather the reverse.

There, then, is a brief explanation of my angle on the subject of these peace years and you. No doubt you will agree that it is a reasonable one.

2 VITAL YEARS

If you think carefully you will realise that certain direct questions have now to be settled. There is a sense in which my title fails to denote precisely what was in my mind. Thus, can we say there is a definite moment in time when what various people may do with their peace years had its birth? Or, to put this another way, will not the course of most people's peace years rest upon some moment or incident in war years? There is sense in the statement that what we are to-day is always settled (to a great extent) by what we were yesterday. Many people came to a time during the war when they found the former ambitions they had nourished were not right after all. They began to look towards other fields of development. For example, a prisoner-of-war may have 'found himself' through a course of study he might never have undertaken otherwise. Or again, a man who was given engineering training as a soldier,

thought himself freshly launched and with good prospects. In fact, it was not until 1922-3 that such a man might have felt the repercussions of the war, and of post-war conditions on his career. In other words, problems which had not been seen in 1918 were operative and suddenly overtook such people.

As to the present phase in history, I am convinced that the main crises are eventually to be charted as for mid-1944. So I shall do my best to carry you across a period of five years (more, indeed), so as to make my suggestions as solid as possible.

2 On the point whether to consider the end of the European struggle as beginning my so-called 'peace years', this is my intention. The reason can be put quite briefly. I do not in any way consider *any* termination of fighting in the Far East *in this decade or the next* as a peace period. Japanese ambitions will not be quenched by the debacle approaching there, and the situation will continue to simmer, ready for another outburst, long after the European theatre has quietened. I do not propose to discuss all my reasons for this conclusion but I can say that I regard all easy ideas on the subject to be a species of mind wandering. There are combatants of the current period who will yet combine against Japan but that is another story and can wait.

3 I shall base my entire inquiry upon British prospects in the sense that I look to conditions here in these islands as the foundation for many of my conclusions and write for people likely to be in these islands during the period chosen. I know this sets some limitation upon the work offered here but it would be totally impossible to widen the inquiry in space available. Mention, wherever possible, of wider scope may be found here and there, nevertheless.

2,000 years (*There is a motion of the Earth upon its axis which is—to quote John Charles Duncan's 'Astronomy'—'somewhat like that of a boy's top, which, set spinning with its axis inclined to the vertical, moves so that the axis slowly describes a vertical cone. So the Earth's axis gyrates in a cone while keeping its inclination to the ecliptic practically unchanged, but the gyration is so slow that the complete circuit occupies 25,800 years. This motion of the Earth is called 'precession'.*)

It is astrology's thesis that history takes a new turn, if one may use the expression, when each period of 2,000 years is completed. Such a time has arrived. An Age has just about closed which was known as the Piscean Age (from Pisces). We are now launched upon the Aquarian Age (from Aquarius).

You can find proof of this thesis if you will consider the historical lay-out known to us. Take a time-measure of 2,000 years. You then have

4,000 BC The Sumerian Period. This was the Taurean Age. Here was the rise of the Semites, the beginnings of civilization (in the proper usage of the word—foundation of the City of Ur, for example), and the invention of cuneiform writing.

2,000 BC The foundations of Hellenic Culture under Aries. This Arian Age was one of land-conquest under great warriors, during which the world went in fear and the sword dominated life.

— AD — The Christian Era and known as the Piscean Age. This brought the period of sea-conquest, rise of imperious Cæsars and, of course, that worship based on the Fish Symbol which will be familiar to the religious-minded. The world came to a

phase of sorrow-worship, and persecution, and these in their turn reacted with and upon commerce and the extension of navigational power

2 000 AD The Aquarian Age Actually this entry has just about begun My division into 2 000's was, as I said, merely an approximation It is about this Age that I am going now to speak

Immediately the world came towards this Aquarian Age and exactly as astrologers for centuries had foretold we had the rise of science to new, and totally unbelievable, heights Electricity came into its own There followed in rapid succession electric-lighting, the radio, television, and the development of the aeroplane—to mention merely the chief discoveries A new form of existence was ushered in and we are still undergoing its birth pangs, finding it difficult to accommodate our lives to what, in a few years hence, will be commonplaces for all humanity

The Aquarian Age introduces, besides its inventions, a vast change in mental outlook concerning politics and religion It is only necessary to point to the rapid growth of a desire among the world's peoples for federation Everywhere men have evinced the will to congregate, to work together, and to make the world one Great empires have fallen to dust—and still more are due to fall Even the British Empire has virtually ceased to be, for the Dominions have secured sovereignty and a further weakening of the imperial idea, giving place to one of federation without domination, is taking place before our eyes to-day As the Aquarian age proceeds, so will all ideas of empire die, but not without bloodshed and vain strugglings of backward intellects who nevertheless, will be destroyed!

Agunst this viewpoint you may point to the wars we have in this century experienced, but they themselves are merely the opening of the flower, as it were, of the new idea. There has been a painful birth. Men of the greatest gifts have set out to stem what is, in fact, a world tide. They seek still some means of imposing their wishes upon humanity, and of preserving the material gains they and their forbears accumulated. For a time, be sure, the struggle will be critical in the extreme—as I have already said in this book—endangering human existence. *It will be a 'near thing' for, despite all the empty talk of world peace, the plans, the creation of leagues, there will be other wars. The old idea dies hard. But do not let us have any doubts about the conclusion.*

Actually, the first world war was the onset of the New Age. So was the Russian Revolution. The Fascist and Nazist forms of government continued the story. Then another world war. A process, in my view, of gradual elimination of extremists and a compulsory merging of human interests. What no manner of utopianism could ever succeed in forming the aeroplane has—with unbelievable cruelty—started to enforce. The world is growing smaller, and will grow smaller yet, and unification, as was foretold centuries ago by astrologers, will be achieved.

Do not suppose this is some sort of pseudo-apocalyptic humbug. I am not busily calculating who is represented by '666', nor am I engaging in interpretation of visions. What has been said in the foregoing is as matter of fact as mutton. It can be seen by anyone who will take off the blinkers of prejudice, or will shut out propaganda voices for only a few hours.

We are at another great watershed of history. The forces of total materialism are poised for their bitterest attacks on the coming kingdom of which Man is destined to be a citizen. And in all this,

1914 is a beacon year. It holds significant clues to the Aquarian process for which reason I have taken pains to present this spicuous view of history to you

4 1944 1950

In effect we must write 1944 down as the focal point of the revolutionary movements suggested. In all departments of life changes have been recorded. True it is that few times known bore so heavily upon the common people and that government legislation failed to alleviate the burdens. Unsettlement of a new type is observable even at this time of writing and a wide extension of this is to come. Financial maneuvering of course, is much to blame. The old school of thought seeks still, and will be damned by later history for seeking, some compromise which will allow former principles to continue. It is doubtful if any amelioration of social evils of rightful grievances can be reckoned with. The picture of the year is one of intense strain brightened only by the military situation now culminating as I write. *But I do not regard military processes as any index to benefits some people imagine must follow them. Few victories have improved the lot of the victors. This victory will provide only a reverse movement.*

Insofar as the individual is concerned, and irrespective of anything which I am able to reveal of possibilities, there is absolutely no foundation for optimism, nor is there any for expansively ambitious schemes, this side of the changes waiting. This is not pessimism. It is fact.

So that you can, at the start of my brief review of these years see the main trends I tabulate my main conclusions.

1944 International misunderstandings and realignments. Government upsets and scandals affecting highly placed people. A poor period for speculation.

Difficulties multiply for every class throughout the nation

1945 Intense Government difficulties and crises A period of bluffing and diplomatic maneuvering in international relations Financial scandals of an unusual nature, shaking the nation's credit in all probability Employment crises

1946 International relationships reach grave difficulties—especially in the late summer and autumn months Once again a period of false security begins to be built up in Britain An entirely deceptive year with heavy penalties for gamblers

1947 Britain entertains new alliances reversing many long-held ideas Her attitude towards Germany changes entirely A former Ally becomes dangerous Moves made towards some form of authoritarian Government here Mortality overtakes birthrate

1948 More unexpected alliance moves and sensations in diplomatic circles Enormous readjustments in commercial life and first signs of success of leftist theories A slow widening of understandings with European Powers, but a hard period

1949 Toppling of great institutions everywhere Virtual end of present forms of international financial controls The Government beset with charges and heavy opposition Population reverses the citywards movements of recent decades

1950 Open revolt elsewhere brings immediate reactions here, with unexpectedly heavy swings in politics and business This year marks the end of the built up optimism encouraged by the financiers Markets down probably Stagnation which has an electric effect upon the left, provoking successful changes

Of this very brief outline designed to give you a hint of the gravity and the steady deterioration of old institutions in this period, this must be said that the trends are all towards social reform often

involve whole communities) will have a good opportunity to step on the brake. Failure to do so may be serious. There is no doubt in my mind that dangerous cross talk will be proceeding at this time. *It is definitely a crisis point for the world.*

You will probably find your home interests greatly affected by these things, and in addition there are influences at work which make for a large crop of disputes of this nature. Among the common peoples of the entire world there will be a wave of irresponsible tendencies, not unlike those noticeable in 1941—42. Expect therefore agitation which interferes with industry, trouble with legal circles, and some extraordinary legislation. Altogether a very emotional period which makes for a far too quixotic tone to help the seriously ambitious. Only remedy seems the preservation of your sense of humour and all the caution you can muster.

Incidentally, the late summer months appear to mark the more critical part of the year with August singled out as particularly inflammatory in foreign affairs.

As you enter 1946 you will find the position everywhere is what, perhaps, I may call 'loose' in the extreme. The backwash of irresponsibility will be sweeping in on those who have been foolish enough to throw caution to the winds. It is not at all necessary to start in on your year with a feeling of dread, but take my advice and do not make the opposite mistake. From all I can see of the charts for this period I should say that over-optimism will be heavily penalized. This warning is important to politicians here and in America, and to the diplomats of both countries. Not that I expect any special attention to be paid to it. The regrettable fact is that the year will not pass without severe crises and you, at least, can go forewarned that the nations' tempers will reach boiling point towards late summer. Autumn will have to be handled adroitly if out-

breaks of war are to be avoided over some treaty of the world's surface

Unless indications for your own birthday suggest pushing ahead with schemes, you will do well to think twice about all departures. This applies not only to business matters, your career, and general activities, but to things closer home, such as ventures into matrimony, domestic adjustments and so forth. The bulk of people will need to exercise great caution in contacts, especially in those with strangers, and signatures to documents, in particular, require most careful thought for more than at normal times.

It would be impossible to name this as an easy year for anybody. But let it be mentioned that among the many birth-dates there are scores of favoured ones as you can easily ascertain.

Special points to note are these. Financial questions, national and in the personal lives of many, will be paramount and lead to critical decisions. Very sensational publicity campaigns will be inaugurated, some most ill advised since they will have an inflammatory nature. Revolutionary changes, perhaps some notable advances, and unusual disputes, affect transport and some government services. An unexpected series of visits to and from foreign nations on matters of extreme urgency, with public commotion in consequence, will take place. There will be an 'electric atmosphere' generally—and here you can count the weather in as well.

Add to these points that I see signs of explosive impudence among people in many parts of the world in consequence of broken or forgotten promises. Disillusionment with existing programmes will reap an ugly harvest. Mining communities will be prominent in this direction. It is difficult to see how some of these movements can avoid becoming revolutionary. Expect, then, some amazing, and perhaps uncomfortable, situations in some parts.

The main danger is that the concourse of crises may lead to that fatal spark which leads to war. Signs exist which warrant a fair belief in this being held off so far as a major conflagration is concerned. Civil strife is, alas, inevitable among some peoples.

From 1947 to 1950 we shall all be focusing our eyes on the extraordinary way in which the nations begin to fall into their new formations. Alliances of the most amazing nature will be entered upon—some unbelievable to-day. There will be treaty bases for agreements covering matters which, were they formulated now by me, could never be taken seriously. Europe, for example, will not be under Teutonic domination but, as the decade ends, is far likelier to find itself coming under Skandinavian influences—certainly men from those parts of Europe will be predominant.

A very serious tone will come upon the public mind. Men will desert the big cities, and the leadership, of which I spoke earlier, will have impressed itself so keenly upon human relationships that we shall witness virtually the birth of a new psychology. Neither you nor I will think in our present narrow terms. We shall probably have given up much of our nationalism. A people's army is as likely as anything I can predict—controlling the would-be strife of baser men and bringing fresh order into the world. New concourses of nations will have come about, far outshining the League of Nations remembered by us.

I do not think we shall have reached Utopia, but I do believe that many old grievances and injustices will have been removed. It will be found by 1948 or so that this effort at adjustment, which has proved so disturbing in portions of the decade under review, will meet a decent measure of success. After the storm, a period of calm which could continue for another ten years. But a number of conditions is attached, not the least being the resolute

determination of the people everywhere to have done with the arms racket, and with other mad manner which have afflicted our world. Nor is this some preaching of socialism. I belong to no party and preach for none.

Can we 'take it', you and I? Of course! We shall have to make changes in our ways of life, but what matter? The main thing I see before us is a world rid of some of its major evils, brought under something approaching unified and sane control and a world not 'fit for heroes to live in', but fit for the coming generation. The only heroism for which we shall have any use will be that of the workshop, the laboratory, and the study.

This, I grant you, makes fairly formidable reading, but I am not writing for the chicken hearted. Facts must be faced. If you can grasp the mechanism of these years you will be far less likely to make major mistakes in adjusting yourself to a rapidly changing world scene.

5 BUSINESS AND FINANCE

In the field of commerce these trends are very clearly revealed by the charts lying before me. You have to understand that employment problems of the coming years will have direct connexion with what is happening to the financial end of national affairs. What of this during these years?

Of 1944 I see ample indications of its going down to history as a phase of quite fantastic speculation. Most of this will have been misplaced and adjustments of international financial controls tend to make the rush to find securities a non productive business. There are all the symptoms of scandals touching upon this kind of thing and I doubt not that when a balanced viewpoint is possible the 'gold rush' will present a curious aspect.

It is the small man who will suffer most. It

might therefore be a sobering thought for many such that the temptations towards dabbling in sheer financial gambles will in fact have an unfortunate ending. It will have been very shortsighted.

The series of Governmental difficulties already mentioned as due in 1945 should sound a warning to the speculator, as well as to the ordinary hard-headed business types. During the run of the year I cannot help feeling there will be some rather spectacular Stock Exchange incidents, in two or three events highly damaging to popular stocks, and what must amount to a 'show down'. I mention, too, that American markets will show a precisely similar instability. None should be misled by an ephemeral boom tone in any form of business.

One consequence will be that employment difficulties, bound to be severe (in spite of all the optimistic talk of recent years), will reach a critical juncture. There will be trouble in departmental administration, too rapid fluctuation of certain trades, and too little disposition for co-operation among the workers, to justify any of the wider hopes. So far as you are concerned I would not recommend this phase for any unusual change making in employment or (if you own a business) in the general administration of business—save where the change is towards recognizably stable conditions. That means you ought above everything to hold on to the known stable idea and, in spite of manifold temptations, to resist the more glamorously painted ideas which will be frequent at this time.

There is some tendency for a let up of tension early in 1946 and it is precisely then that most mistakes will be made. The year has a most deceptive face. An attitude of 'that's that' will have come over big and small business. There will be an enormous deal of talk about getting back to normal. On the whole I fail to find any justification whatsoever for the undoubted complacency of the time.

Indeed, the summer and autumn will teach most people the truth of this. We shall enter a period beset with upsets among the nations, any of which (I do not wish to be affirming, but must say what I feel is true) could cause a further conflagration.

If you are foolish enough to gamble with your possibilities or possessions at this time you will pay a long price for the rejection of a balanced viewpoint.

Only in 1947 would I recognise anything remotely approaching a turn in the tide. At that point we have sufficient evidence of growing co-operation among the nations to warrant a little bit of adventure in our immediate circumstances. Then I expect a radical change in international currencies, a tone of new positiveness in the commercial world, and a sudden development of new angles upon the entire question of employment. I suspect these things have their connexion with some extremely interesting Governmental changes occurring then.

By 1948 the adjustments mentioned should be reaching a position of stabilization. There will be temporary upsets which badly affect the markets at intervals largely due to adverse movements by old-fashioned interests. The need for caution is therefore to be emphasized. But the general tone of the year encourages a more generous tendency in all parts of society—not forgetting the mass of the workers—and I am of the opinion that what used to be regarded one-time as purely socialistic methods will have become commonplaces. It is not at all unlikely that socialistic administrations may be working these theories and methods out for the nation. Certainly, this can be earmarked as a very excellent year for the left in general politics and you must expect commerce, employment questions, and financial policies to adopt a different tone.

The remainder of the period under review (that is, to 1950) will show a steady victory for the newer ideas over those we knew before the second world war.

For the ordinary man these trends present few terrors. The wise man who knows anything about the effects of warfare will not expect to have everything running harmoniously immediately the guns have stopped firing. On the contrary, he will be wary and will expect at least two or three years to be given over to experimentation in government and industry and to an adjustment of the public mind to the new problems as well as the great new possibilities presented.

For the highly ambitious fellow—the man who lives on the basis of a ‘lucky stroke’, who is naturally somewhat of a soldier of fortune, and especially he who has hopes of ‘starting with a cent’ and making a fortune—I am not too sure that we are entering a period offering any great encouragement. The British Isles, in company with the remainder of Europe will be trying political experiments, with growing success, and there will be small place for the one-man against the-world type, I am afraid. Perhaps that will be a very good thing!

Certain it is that that mishamed ‘individualism’ which has for centuries meant no more than egoistical rivalry, leading inevitably to one war after another, will be reduced to impotence by the next five years’ effects. True individualism is to be strengthened—the individualism which insists on every man living and working to the extent of his capabilities, and on every man being a live shareholder in the State instead of a mere puppet thrown hither and thither by political giants.

6 WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO?

Hard reading? Yes, I knew it would be. How much easier it would have been to have written you a comfortable book which glossed the facts and gave you helpings of milk-sops concerning how ‘lucky’ or ‘unlucky’ you would be! But I have never had any

use for that style of thing and certainly not at this time. The years I am considering are much too serious in all their reactions upon your life.

What then shall we do? May I suggest a means whereby you can get to grips with your problems now? I do not think you should wait until they have mounted up. It will be all to the good if you can prepare steadily to meet them. That way lies success in every walk of life.

In the first place, you can begin to make solid use of this book. What has gone before is important to you. Do not take it as merely introductory chatter. I am deadly serious about these big movements about which I have been writing. *And so should you be! They will make or break your hopes and those of your children and grandchildren! Yes—it is as serious as all that!*

Next, give a little time to thinking over the points which follow.

1 Three times this century so far the peoples of these islands have been drawn into wars. The first two left them far worse off than they had been. This third one promises little better, in my opinion. We must wait till 1948 for any signs of recovery. *Are you satisfied with this state of affairs? If not, start doing something about the causes of our wars—and our war causes—at once! It is a waste of your time to seek personal improvement, and improvement for your family, if a couple of decades bring another war to ruin your work.*

2 It is my conviction that another war is possible—if not probable. *As such will depend upon your selection of leadership and your willingness to co-operate with other peoples. Do you realise this?*

3 Those who return to civilian life relying upon the rosy promises made in the heat of the struggle are innocents with no historical sense. Much the same applies, as I have tried to emphasize, to the plans now in vogue. *No such improvement can be*

certified by me as capable of existence immediately after the war—at the earliest we shall have to wade through four or five years hence It is foolhardy to rest confidence on such theories

4 To-day you are one of a considerable crowd To-morrow you will be virtually alone again It will be a different, a totally different, you Your chance of survival, except on the footing of a mere mechanical unit, depends on your being willing to recognise your chief capabilities and your principal drawbacks of character and mind This is imperative!

5 Nothing—neither politics, religion, learning, nor even astrology—can help you unless you are prepared to help yourself I saw too many men after the first world war who, the moment they lost the props of discipline and companionship, fell sideways into despair and disaster not to wish to strike heavily upon this note here

6 Nobody beyond your circle will care very much if you do fail I know that sounds cynical So be it The grateful nation humbug is a stupendously cynical lie (Ask any 1914 veteran!) If you fall for that one, you are beyond my aid—beyond hope!

Now read on

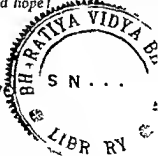
PART TWO

YOU !



1 HOW TO USE PART TWO

Half the travellers who are lost in strange country are the victims of poor maps The other half are victims of—themselves they set out without knowing their own capabilities Many a man with a poor



nature and the worst possible view of life on this planet, and the best circumstances often work the opposite way. The biggest problem most of us face is to get some clear-cut view of what we really are. Once we have that the outlook is apt to change miraculously. You may find this is proved in your own person by what follows.

Again, none of us is standing still. We are either growing in capabilities and qualities, or we are deteriorating. What has been happening to you of recent years, you alone know. It has been a movement up or down. You cannot stand still! No doubt, if the truth were told, you have moved up in some sections of your life and down in others. Face the fact, but in facing it, remember that there are enormous potentialities in every life—yes, in your own life! *Enormous!* Have you any idea of what your potentialities are? If not, will you mind if I have a shot at suggesting them to you?

If you acknowledge the reasonableness of this, then I think you will be patient with me if I round off Part Two with some suggestions for a Way to Realization for you.

You may, of course, be above all this kind of thing. That will not trouble me in the least. Superior People are merely one of the trials of this short life here on earth and can be highly amusing.

Now, are you prepared for a minimum of exertion on your own behalf? If so, find a pencil and let us begin together.

If you can call in one or two friends to help you to make a still fairer judgment of yourself, all the better. We are all inclined to overestimate good, and minimise bad, qualities in ourselves. If you have friends candid enough to disagree in certain points, listen carefully and modify your own markings accordingly. Better be cautious than vain. (Few friends of course, have anything like enough courage to perform such an office for you!)

2 CHARACTER PARADE

You are familiar with the astrological divisions of people. Those born between April 21 and May 20 are usually referred to as Tauricans, and so forth. This work, however, seeks to achieve the minimum of technicality. It is not a lesson-book in astrology. I shall therefore remind you of your own division by means of figures, instead of using astrological symbols or terminology.

The division of births proceeds in this manner:

Group 1 March 21 to April 20 *Group 2* April 21 to May 20 *Group 3* May 21 to June 20 *Group 4* June 21 to July 20 *Group 5* July 21 to August 21 *Group 6* August 22 to September 22 *Group 7* September 23 to October 22 *Group 8* October 23 to November 22 *Group 9* November 23 to December 20 *Group 10* December 21 to January 19 *Group 11* January 20 to February 18 *Group 12* February 19 to March 20

Look through these groupings carefully to find that to which you belong. Make a note of the number. The following pages make use of these numbers in place of the usual astrological signs.

Next, a word or two on how to use these pages.

They contain the elements of character usual to each of the Groups. If you turn to the page headed with your own Group Number you will find a series of characteristics with 'voting numbers' against them. Answer each question truthfully with Yes or No. If the answer is Yes, put down the 'voting number' on a sheet of paper. If No, pass on to the next question. When you have completed the page total up the 'voting score'. The total achieved will then show you the result.

If your total is *under* 30 you fall short of the best which is found among people of your Group. That means you will have to put in some serious work on your character and capabilities if you are to make

a success of these coming years

If your total is *under 45* you are functioning on barely the half of your possibilities and are not representative of anything like the higher grades of your Group

If your total is *over 45 but under 50*, you are in a fair position to gain success and would be reckoned a man or woman of sound character

If your total is *over 50*, you are already touching a first class level among your Group and should have full confidence. Anyone reaching this marking need have few fears about these coming years

Have you got this method correctly? I will recapitulate it briefly

- (1) Find your Group Number,
- (2) Turn to the page headed with this Group Number,
- (3) Answer the questions set down there,
If the answer to a question is Yes, put down the number printed beside it,
If the answer to a question is No, go to the next question,
- (4) Total up the figures you have written down,
- (5) Then re read my remarks (above) on what the markings denote

Do not be afraid of this exercise in frankness. Go at it in the realization that *unless you know where you stand* there is no point whatsoever in discussing the peace years with you. If the result proves less flattering than you might hope, do not throw up your hands in despair, I would not have demanded such frankness from you if I had no help to offer in such instances

GROUP 1

Are you naturally courageous? (3) Or, if afraid, energetic and resourceful? (2) Or simply reckless? (1) Is the basis of your character a spirit of enterprise? (3) Or merely aggressiveness? (2) Or are you head-

strong? (1) Have you an active mind? (3) Or is your thought based on impulse? (2) Or do you find thinking difficult and erratic? (1) Would you say you are extremely ambitious? (3) or just mildly so? (2) or are you antagonistic to opposition? (1) Do you have sharp intuitions about people and things? (3) Or few 'hunches'? (2) Or no set opinions? (1) Can you trust your judgment? (3) Only partly? (2) Not at all? (1) Have you ideals? (3) Or vague aspirations? (2) Or plain fanaticism? (1) Have you command of your vocation? (3) Or undeveloped natural gifts? (2) Or no special capabilities? (1) Are you generous? (3) Or only now and then? (2) Or just selfish? (1) Do you express yourself ably? (3) Or well, but with difficulty? (2) Or badly and to your disadvantage? (1) Are you a 'natural optimist'? (3) Or hopeful with an effort under stress? (2) Or pessimistic? (1) Are you regarded as industrious? (3) Or busy but dilatory in details? (2) Or generally unsettled? (1) Do you master your temper when in collision with others' wishes? (3) Or do you accept the situation by stifling your feelings? (2) Or are you usually quarrelsome? (1) Do you tackle risks with a cool intrepidity? (3) Or with unthinking daring? (2) Or are you disposed to accept risks blindly? (1) Are you a good social mixer? (3) Or inclined to be boisterous and over-enthusiastic? (2) Or highly excitable and irresponsible? (1) Do you enjoy health and take measures to safeguard it? (3) Or are you headachy and nerve-racked at intervals? (2) Or have you an undependable constitution? (1) How do you strike others as having a good spirit? (3) Or a persistency of mind? (2) Or chancy audacity? (1) Are you a rapid learner? (3) Or a plodder? (2) Or too impatient to learn well? (1) Towards friends are you impulsively kind? (3) Steadily sincere? (2) Or jealous? (1) Sex life is this controlled? (3) Or fairly balanced? (2) Or inflammatory and out of hand? (1)

CIRCLE 2

Do you persist with enterprises? (3) Or only now and then? (2) Or do you depend on mere conceit? (1) Do others trust you easily? (3) Or is self reliance your standby? (2) Or do you behave stubbornly in contacts? (1) Have you constructive abilities? (3) Or just a practical nature? (2) Or a tendency to let others do the job? (1) Are you close about trouble? (3) Merely phlegmatic? (2) Or rather callous? (1) Have you enjoyment of your own thoughts? (3) Or take an amused view of events? (2) Or tend to interfere needlessly? (1) Are you a lover of justice? (3) Or a detached onlooker? (2) Or interested only in your own cause? (1) Do you seek improvements? (3) Or only changes based on prejudice? (2) Or extreme moves? (1) Is your work done methodically? (3) Or by hard plod? (2) Or with indifference? (1) Are you sympathetic? (3) Or only by fits and starts? (2) Or cold? (1) Can you put ideas over? (3) Or poorly but with good reasoning? (2) Argumentatively? (1) Is your chief aim general prosperity? (3) Or quiet running of affairs? (2) Or purely selfish? (1) Do you work on calm habit patterns? (3) Or a struggle after such? (2) Or a mere slide through? (1) Do you meet opposition calmly? (3) Or if annoyed with pacification? (2) Or angrily? (1) Is yours a fearless but controlled courage? (3) Or is it a form of daring when roused? (2) Or mere recklessness? (1) Do you feel conscious of reservoirs of resource? (3) Or a sufficient personal attraction to secure aid? (2) Or do you bluster your way through? (1) About health do you study to avoid indulgences? (3) Have bouts of over indulgence but good health in general? (2) Neglect health in favour of overdoing things? (1) Are you the unhurried type? (3) Or rather slow? (2) Or lazy and easily upset? (1) Is yours a sharp mind? (3) Or an unhurried but eager mind? (2) Or self-centered and not open to new ideas? (1) Do friendships last? (3) Some not all? (2) None

except with much emotional effort? (1) Do you find sex-life normal? (3) Or little disturbed by novelty? (2) Or linked up with a great deal of other self-indulgence? (1)

GROUP 3

Are you fond of experiments? (3) Or simply inquisitive? (2) Or lacking in interests? (1) Have you a great ambition? (3) Ambitious impulses only? (2) No set ambition? (1) Are you keen on intellectual pursuits? (3) Do your ideas vary rather quickly? (2) Or is your outlook based on caprices? (1) Would you be regarded as very resourceful? (3) Or imaginative without much practicality? (2) Or unpredictable in an emergency? (1) Do your emotions have sound expression? (3) Or are they mixed, with sympathy weighing heavily? (2) Or hesitant? (1) Do you find judgment of causes and things easy? (3) Or do you rely on sentiments and intuitions? (2) Or fail to judge with safety? (1) Are your moral ideas tolerant? (3) Or broad and uncertain? (2) Or up and down? (1) Are you inventive? (3) Or have you several gifts, none predominant? (2) Or is your general efficiency variable? (1) Is yours a sensitive disposition? (3) Or are you easily moved without reasoning? (2) Or do you suffer much from moods? (1) Can you speak out with ease and make your position clear? (3) Seldom? (2) Never? (1) Can you drive energetically at your work? (3) Or only with a series of bursts? (2) Or are you restless? (1) Are you regarded as an industrious person? (3) Or good at some work? (2) Or unstable and temperamental? (1) Have you control over your temper? (3) Or great excitability? (2) Or do you react maliciously? (1) Are you of speedy courage? (3) Or inclined to weigh consequences lengthily? (2) Or indifferent to calls upon your courage? (1) Are you a sunny nature? (3) Or just animated at times? (2) Or theatrically effusive? (1) Is your health good, with fast recuperation?

(3) Or good but nervous and like your mood? (2) Or poor through respiratory or other troubles? (1) Are you tireless in your pursuits? (3) Or the type unable to sit long? (2) Or slighty in others' eyes? (1) Do you crave for knowledge? (3) Or learn by drabs and drabs? (2) Or seldom finish any study? (1) Do you base friendships and love on high ideals? (3) On passion only? (2) Or on the mood of the moment? (1) Is sex well controlled? (3) Or based on impulse? (2) Or your master? (1)

GROUP 4

Have you sociability? (3) Little liking for company? (2) Much changeability on this score? (1) Are you keen to feel a possibility? (3) Fond of known ways? (2) Or too busy taking what you can get to bother? (1) Have you built a trustworthy intellect? (3) Or can you persevere with ideas? (2) Or are you unable to make up your mind about problems? (1) Have you an optimistic nature? (3) Or one mixed with doubts? (2) Or merely a touchy temperamental set up? (1) Are your main emotions expansive? (3) Or seldom shewn? (2) Or never? (1) Is justice precious in arguments? (3) Or do you cling to what is done in your circle? (2) Or take sides without justice? (1) In matters of ideals, do you give full service to these? (3) Or retain only visionary ideas? (2) Or neglect them badly? (1) Are you versatile in approaches to others? (3) Or inclined to play for caution? (2) Or suspicious? (1) Do you give an open hearted gesture in dealings? (3) Or close fisted? (2) Or just plainly dishonest? (1) Is your expression of ideas fairly colourful? (3) Just about normal? (2) Or loose with undeveloped language? (1) Why do you strive after things for the reward of merit alone? (3) Or for gain? (2) Or only for cutting someone else out? (1) Would friends regard you as an open handed person? (3) Or careful? (2) Or niggardly and mean? (1) Can you forgive? (3) Or do you remember hurts? (2)

Or display hatred? (1) In risky times, are you cautious? (3) Or merely *uncertain of yourself*? (2) Or deeply afraid of injury or ridicule? (1) Can you keep good order? (3) Or only in a few things? (2) Or just as a fussy mood? (1) Is health fairly stable? (3) Or does it go by the weather? (2) Or are you indulging bad health habits? (1) Have you evenness when meeting people? (3) Or are you self-conscious? (2) Or do you avoid those not of your own circle? (1) Can you study? (3) Only at times? (2) Seldom because purpose wavers? (1) Are friendships fixedly loyal? (3) Partly only? (2) Or based on little more than a passing sentiment? (1) In sex matters are you constant? (3) Generally so? (2) Not so, but jealous? (1)

GROUP 5

Do you like people generally? (3) Or only those you know? (2) Or very few? (1) Are you noted for integrity? (3) For impulsiveness in such matters? (2) Or imposing unjustly? (1) Are you a loyalist? (3) A fluctuating partisan? (2) Or inclined to 'boss' for your personal ends? (1) Are you an enthusiast? (3) Or weakly so but sincere? (2) Or a shirker? (1) Is your general attitude generously minded? (3) Or generosity play acted? (2) Or colorless? (1) Have you *bigness* when handling affairs? (3) Or sound toleration? (2) Or a 'superiority complex'? (1) Do you keep to some religious or other ideal? (3) Or only at times? (2) Never? (1) Is your ability for work wide and sound? (3) Narrow and undeveloped? (2) Or spoiled by over nervousness? (1) Do you view important issues broadly? (3) Or less broadly but generously? (2) Or with a bigoted viewpoint? (1) Can you speak up for yourself in a dignified manner? (3) Or is it usually only with effort? (2) Or do you pontificate stupidly? (1) Do you use faith of any kind? (3) Or trust to 'luck'? (2) Or just hope for the best? (1) Is your work conscience clear? (3)

Clear, but only with clock-watching? (2) Not clear? (1) Have you control of your temper? (3) Sometimes only? (2) Never? (1) Can you depend on solid courage in emergencies? (3) Or only at the expense of your nervous system? (2) Or do you rush trouble and take big risks? (1) Have you a dignified appearance? (3) Or are you acting mostly and hiding fear, etc.? (2) Or are you just pompously finnick? (1) Do you possess strong physique? (3) Usually, but sensitive of balance? (2) Only by 'pepping up'? (1) Do you enjoy plenty of esteem? (3) Or get it by commanding tactics? (2) Or fritter your personality away in social doings? (1) Can you list three well-used gifts? (3) Or have you set your heart on developing some? (2) Or do you not care very much? (1) Have you some permanent friendships? (3) Or two or three trustworthy intimates? (2) Or poor links? (1) Sex: loyal? (3) Gallant but diffused? (2) Overdone? (1).

GROUP 6

Are you an intellectually gifted person? (3) Partly so? (2) Or dull but clever-seeming? (1) Does rightness mean a great deal in life? (3) Or only right ideas? (2) Or are you stuck in certain ruts? (1) Can you take decisions accurately, and without fear? (3) After some debating? (2) Never? (1) Are you even of temperament? (3) Usually so? (2) Too easily irritated? (1) Have you balanced emotions? (3) Or do you have to bolster them after thought? (2) Or are you capricious? (1) Can you form solid judgments? (3) Or are you cautious, with a tendency to right estimates? (2) Or afraid of judging? (1) Do you turn important ideas over in your mind as a habit? (3) Sometimes? (2) Or treat them with suspicion? (1) Are you an all-round efficient person? (3) Somewhat so? (2) Or not? (1) Do you cherish correctness of details? (3) Or worry if there is incorrectness? (2) Or feel unable to get accuracy? (1) Do

you talk easily and well? (3) Seldom? (2) Bitterly? (1)
 Are form and design important? (3) Only in some
 things? (2) Yes, but only for cold criticism? (1) Do
 you have personally formed method? (3) Or ener-
 getic ways without much method? (2) Or poor ideas
 of method? (1) Are you even in disputes? (3) Hot-
 blooded but reasonable? (2) Ill-natured? (1) Do you
 see danger with cautious courage? (3) Little? (2)
 None? (1) Would you say you have a complete
 personality value? (3) Or even some? (2) Or need for
 development of personality? (1) Is health sound? (3)
 Inconsistently so but come-backs easy? (2) Indiffer-
 ent, with minor ailments? (1) Have you a cultured
 appearance? (3) Or do you contact with diffidence?
 (2) Or critically and, perhaps, unpleasantly? (1) Is
 your mental outlook properly balanced? (3) Or too
 given to dictates of intuition? (2) Or unbalanced
 often? (1) Have friendships an intensely practical
 and helpful nature? (3) Or are they very often in-
 congruous? (2) Or are you no maker of friends? (1)
 Is sexual fidelity an ideal? (3) Or imperfectly exist-
 ent? (2) Or are you abnormal, or icy in this side
 of your nature? (1)

GROUP 7

Can you persuade people to help you? (3) Or find
 you can argue them into it? (2) Or work unassisted?
 (1) Have you a thoughtful attitude towards them?
 (3) Or merely an eye to the useful side of them? (2)
 Or do you depend on commands? (1) Have you
 trained your mind to be versatile? (3) Or can your
 ends be gained by jollyng through? (2) Or does am-
 bition shut out everything but your goal? (1) Are
 you impartial? (3) Or want to be, though hesitant?
 (2) Or without decision? (1) Is deep sympathy a
 strong point? (3) Or unpractical though in evi-
 dence? (2) Or seldom aroused? (1) Do you honour
 the word given? (3) Sometimes only? (2) Never? (1)
 Have you cultivated strong ideals? (3) Or, failing,

wish for them? (2) Or go by intuitions only? (1) Do you look well ahead? (3) Or do so only when compelled? (2) Or hesitate at every step? (1) Do you handle opposition with tact? (3) With sympathy and on sufferance? (2) Or with small mindedness? (1) When giving an expression of opinion, do words come easily? (3) Only with a deal of difficulty? (2) Seldom, and then conventionally? (1) Is social and personal justice a big force with you? (3) Or peace-making get-outs? (2) Or retreat from just measures? (1) Have you improved general habits? (3) Want to? (2) Or never thought of it? (1) Are you good at settling disputes? (3) Not so good, but try? (2) Too often a partisan? (1) Have you the courage of convictions? (3) Convictions but little real courage? (2) No such courage? (1) Are you tactful in making advances? (3) Easy, but rather incautious? (2) Vain-glorious? (1) Do you watch health points carefully? (3) Yes, but with considerable anxiety? (2) Never, because self-indulgent? (1) Are you without self-centered humbug? (3) Modest with an effort? (2) Distant and selfish? (1) Are you factual and constructive? (3) Or fail to be, but see the necessity? (2) Or satisfied with daydreams about it all? (1) Have you formed strong and lasting links? (3) Or are link-ups purely emotional in basis? (2) Or empty friendships? (1) Is sex life based only on quiet motives and sincerity? (3) Yes, but weakly? (2) No? (1)

GROUP 8

Have you good control over feelings? (3) Or only part? (2) Little? (1) Do you enjoy new enterprises? (3) Or only those in which you lead? (2) Or none not for your own ends? (1) Is your mind getting good development? (3) Or suffering from too much conceit? (2) Or built on cunning? (1) Are you reckoned an authority on your job? (3) Or as a sticker? (2) Or as a secretive and unreliable worker? (1) Are you reserved when emotions are newly aroused? (3)

Or voluble? (2) Or dull? (1) In making judgments can you see right through a matter? (3) Seldom but try? (2) Never? (1) Is your attitude towards an ideal experimental? (3) Tolerant? (2) Or bigoted? (1) Have you formed good capabilities? (3) Trying to? (2) Indifferent? (1) Are you hospitable? (3) Careful? (2) Mean? (1) Are you persuasive? (3) Very dogmatic? (2) Bluntly so? (1) Have you a single eyed ambition? (3) Energetic life but not too well directed yet? (2) Only a gambling outlook? (1) Are you thorough in habits? (3) Rather indulgent? (2) Inclined to take silly risks? (1) Do you tackle arguments pleasantly? (3) With much force? (2) With hardness and rancour? (1) Are you coolly courageous? (3) Inclined that way only? (2) Only vengeful? (1) Are you an enthusiast in a quiet way? (3) Or only very secretly? (2) Or lacking enthusiasm? (1) Is health uniformly good? (3) Activities overdone? (2) Often tired? (1) Do you meet people with positive reality? (3) Or do you play with them? (2) Or treat them sarcastically? (1) Can you reach deductions clearly? (3) Only after a struggle? (2) Or fail because of prejudices? (1) Are you deeply attached to friends? (3) Inclined to maintain a very small circle? (2) Or do you cut yourself off generally? (1) Are sexual ideas a matter of real devotion or nothing? (3) Or blown about by an overplus of physical desire? (2) Or low level in basis? (1)

GROUP 9

Are you naturally friendly with people? (3) Inclined to be argumentative and strange? (2) Uncertain in contacts? (1) Is personal freedom important to you? (3) Or not very so long as your aims follow? (2) Or a matter of petty ends only? (1) Is your ambition fixed? (3) Or going to be now? (2) Or hazy? (1) Are you really generous? (3) Partially? (2) Miserly? (1) Do you know the scope of your emotions? (3) Or rest on impulse only? (2) Or not care either way?

(1) Can you depend on your judgment? (3) Or lean upon well wishing? (2) Or judge badly most times? (1) Are you a religious man (or woman)? (3) Or an idealist generally? (2) Or merely tolerant? (1) In plans do you have a long-sighted view? (3) Or rest on present means? (2) Or employ too much self-confidence? (1) Are you unbiassed in important issues? (3) Or led somewhat by enthusiasm? (2) Or neglect them for enjoyment? (1) Are you very frank? (3) Or tactlessly truthful? (2) Or brutally so? (1) Do you continue studies? (3) Or want to do so? (2) Rest on self-opinion? (1) Are you capable of keeping habits in leash? (3) Seldom? (2) Never, and resent being told so? (1) Do you meet argument in a strong but kindly, spirit? (3) Excitably and cynically? (2) Or in deep resentment? (1) Have you stout courage? (3) Only a fair amount? (2) Or mere recklessness? (1) Are you an outdoor person? (3) No, but sport-loving? (2) Inclined to hug the fireplace? (1) Health is it robust? (3) Or not so, but being considered for remedying? (2) Poor because of insufficient exercise? (1) Are you a natural optimist? (3) Or usually able to grin at difficulties? (2) Or moody? (1) Are you generous about people's faults? (3) Fairly? (2) Liable, often, to criticize and condemn? (1) Are you honest even when it seems not to pay? (3) Generally so? (2) Too mean to make such gestures? (1) Are friendships and sex life deepened by real sincerity? (3) Or even partially so? (2) Or only by an overplus of domination and jealousy to their detriment? (1)

GROUP 10

Do you take life seriously, but hopefully? (3) Or in such seriousness as to exclude hope? (2) Or pessimistically? (1) Are you practical? (3) Or too diffident? (2) Or given to overestimate yourself? (1) Have you a determined outlook? (3) Or one mingled with fear? (2) Or a diffused view? (1) Are you rightly ambitious? (3) Or narrowly? (2) Or satis-

fied with yourself? (1) Do you enjoy the higher emotions? (3) Or live in an emotional tangle? (2) Or dissipatedly? (1) Do you know one subject well? (3) Or study one? (2) Or seek to wrangle through? (1) Have you profundity of mind? (3) Or any ideal of devotion at all? (2) Or only prejudices? (1) Are you possessed of steady capabilities? (3) Or want to be? (2) Or work hit-or-miss? (1) An enthusiast? (3) Only about some unimportant things? (2) Hot and cold? (1) Can you explain yourself concisely? (3) Only with many words? (2) Or with a deal of cunning? (1) Are you conservative (not the political thing!)? (3) Or given to blind devotion? (2) Or only suspicious of new ideas? (1) Good solid habits? (3) Poor? (2) A bad conscience instead? (1) Are you easy to reason with? (3) Not too easy? (2) Unreasonable and neglect truth? (1) Are you dominant in crises? (3) Or inclined to bluff? (2) Or a noisy coward? (1) Have you strong personality? (3) Or keep rather too much to yourself? (2) Or self centered? (1) How about health?—do you study it? (3) Seldom? (2) Never? (1) In contacts and work are you balanced? (3) Nervous? (2) Or cynical? (1) Do you enjoy 'deep' subjects? (3) Or give some thought to important issues? (2) Or blow with the wind? (1) Are friendships deep and constant? (3) Few and not of great help? (2) Discouraging? (1) Sex-life—is it sound? (3) Or an uncomfortable tangle of obsessions? (2) Or treated with a loose contempt? (1)

GROUP 11

Have you a generous and kindly nature? (3) Perhaps, but no positive ideas? (2) Or one confined and narrow? (1) Is your character serious in foundation? (3) Or rather dictated by a general fitness? (2) Or loosely contrived? (1) Do you enjoy scientific and other inquiries? (3) Or some study? (2) Or is all your time frittered away on other people? (1) Have you a practical side well evidenced? (3) Or can de-

pend on yourself in need? (2) Or no great faith in yourself? (1) Are you given to sincerity in affairs? (3) On detachment and the colder feelings? (2) Or mere puzzlement? (1) Can you form a good judgment without bias? (3) Or only occasionally? (2) Or find judgment spoilt by caution? (1) Are you philosophical? (3) Or negligent of such matters? (2) Or 'atheistic'? (1) Have you natural dignity? (3) Or plenty of patience? (2) Or none? (1) Do humane questions fire you? (3) Seldom? (2) Or not at all? (1) Can you talk accurately? (3) Or give fairly accurate descriptions? (2) Or fizzle meaninglessly? (1) Is truth of great importance in everything? (3) Or do you now think it should be for you? (2) Or will wangles do? (1) Are your general habits generous and humanitarian? (3) Or merely centered in your own circle? (2) Or loose? (1) Can you resist anger? (3) Or if not, do you control it? (2) Or do you get angry and sceptical? (1) Courage—is it cool? (3) Or a doubtful quantity? (2) Or lost in indifference? (1) Are you a progressive, building on past truths? (3) Or an optimist caring little? (2) Or unreasonably doubtful of the future? (1) Health—strong? (3) Neglected, but good? (2) Neglected and no care felt? (1) Are you deeply considerate in contacts and claims made on people? (3) Not always but wish to be? (2) Never think about it? (1) Have you a strong memory? (3) Or reasoning power you are improving? (2) Or a general lack of this side of your mind? (1) Do you take a universal view of emotional issues? (3) Or sentimentalized views? (2) Or only rare peeps at them? (1) Is the sex life quietly ordered? (3) Or lacking in warmth altogether? (2) Or indifferent? (1)

GROUP 12

Is your life well ordered? (3) Or inclined to drift? (2) Or chaotic because of difficulties? (1) Are you prepared to be used for others? (3) Or only partly? (2) Not at all? (1) Can you trust your mind? (3) Or is

thinking, at least, quite serene? (2) Or are you lazy-minded? (1) Do you overcome any temperamental traits? (3) Usually? (2) Or are you very temperamental? (1) Have you well-placed emotions? (3) Or only waves of emotion? (2) Or vary much in emotional issues? (1) Can you form a judgment of any sort? (3) Seldom? (2) Never, preferring to waive your rights? (1) Have you a religious or deep philosophical interest? (3) Or intuitions concerning a higher life? (2) Or little thought of all this? (1) Is your work well performed? (3) Indifferently? (2) Badly? (1) Is your disposition easy for others to understand? (3) Difficult? (2) Impossible because diffuse and quixotic? (1) Can you explain your ideas well? (3) Or make suggestions for other people to piece together? (2) Or not at all? (1) Have you confidence in your present course? (3) Little? (2) None at all because too anxious or diffident? (1) Are you of neat habits? (3) Or careless in this respect? (2) Or simply unable to cultivate stable habits? (1) In disputes are you enabled to play fair and recognize truth? (3) Or are you quite suspicious of others' motives? (2) Or too indolent to care a great deal? (1) Are you possessed of courage, mentally or physically? (3) Little, because of timidity? (2) Lacking on account of indecision? (1) Have you a good presence? (3) Or at least an open, trustworthy appearance? (2) Or are you too shy to be yourself in public? (1) Health—is this as strong as you can make it? (3) Or fair and needing help? (2) Or in neglect? (1) Can you face people confidently? (3) Seldom? (2) Never without much confusion? (1) Are you tactful? (3) Or nervously silent too often? (2) Or careless either way? (1) Do you take a strong line in friendships and hold them? (3) Not strong, but keep them easily? (2) Or become slavish? (1) Do you prize fidelity in sex life? (3) Or try for it? (2) Or find yourself perpetually embarrassed about the matter? (1)

That, you will agree, has been an interesting experience. I hope you have been thoroughly frank with yourself in working through it; if not, you are injuring yourself. It should be almost unnecessary to point out that, having secured the date of birth, you can clarify your judgment of people round about you in the same way. Married couples could avoid many difficulties were they persuaded to work through the appropriate pages for each partner in a spirit of complete honesty. As for those engaged to be married, if this particular scheme of examination is not used, something similar *ought* to be tried. I leave the suggestion with you.

Returning to your own markings under this self-examination, here are a few thoughts which may make it doubly useful. The page should be scrutinized for the 3 questions you were able to answer with a Yes, then for the 2's and the 1's. Give a little time to studying these sections.

The 3's are obviously connected up with the strongest qualities you possess. It will be in *their* realm that you will achieve the most success in all probability, and it will be upon them that you will have to rely most heavily during your coming years.

The 2's are a sort of mid way series. They are connected with moderate qualities, those mixed and not too strong qualities, which may be useful in a time of stress but could not be relied upon. If you are wise you will do everything possible to strengthen such traits. Read again the 3 questions which preceded your 2's and think about what will be necessary to enable you to reply Yes to the 3's.

As to the 1's, these are the weakest sides of your character, and in most instances represent traits which ought to be cut out as quickly as possible, or transformed. Here again, look at the 3 questions

which came before each of your I's and you will know without any cautionary words from me the distance to be gone in self-improvement. Once more I say, do not become pessimistic if you have too many of these I's. Remember, we all started life with small capabilities and would have had a I-marking for many such questions, but we have developed, and so can you. Believe that! How long will it take? It has been estimated that a normal man or woman can completely remove a bad habit in no more than six or seven weeks! Much the same applies to most sides of the character. *But it means an effort—plenty of determination—and any amount of grit!* I offer the warning, too, that you must avoid mere eradication of a trait—eradication there must be, but there should be a corresponding filling up of the blank with a good trait. *This is of vital importance and should have close attention!*

3 THESE WILL SUCCEED

We may carry this part of our study forward with a general consideration of the kind of people who can actually count on success. That is to say, on success in its right meaning. I do not consider success to be a mere piling up of wealth, or the achievement of some high position, or any of those purely materialistic things on which men everywhere set their hearts. We all know the end of that kind of story—it is disillusionment and despair. The true success story is of different order altogether. It is invariably the story of a man or woman who puts high quality living first, who keeps motives as pure as possible, and who counts the highest reward the inner consciousness of having done the best possible. Few of us are anywhere near such a standard. Figures like Pasteur, Shakespeare, San Juan de la Cruz, and a host of others stand afar from our petty minded conceptions of life. It is worth while to remember this.

In many ordinary men and women, never destined for greatness, we can find the successful life being lived excellently. Let me give you some idea of what the leaders in each of the Groups look like, using brief descriptions. If you are serious about success you might make some private comparisons.

GROUP I

General attitude towards life Invariably calm and courageous

Basis of the character A do-or-die spirit of enterprise

Cast of mind Active and full of kindly aggressiveness

Basic temperament The driving force of sound ambitions

Emotional structure Inclined to rest on philosophical ideas

Discrimination Always intensely practical and based on fact

Idealism Usually resting upon some high religious concept

Capabilities In the best of the type these are natural

Disposition Main points are doggedness and generosity

Expression of ideas Nearly always clear and well-phrased

Motivation Total inability to sit under any obstruction

General habits Diligence, broad thinking, and clean-cut ways

Temper Inclined to be hot, but under very careful control

Animal spirits Based on intrepidity and cool daring

Personal appeal Charming with a commanding appearance

Health habits Regularity and full use of sleep

General bearing Usually bordering on the imperious

Intellectual life Speedy reactions and forceful methods

In fricr libip Invariably warm and of much sincerity
Sex life Given to warmth but with controlled expression

GROUP 2

General attitude towards life Reserved and quietly persistent
Basis of the character Self-reliance and general reliability
Cast of mind Very practical with love of building things
Basic temperament Immovable and extremely hard to rouse
Emotional structure Based on deep thought and slow wit
Discrimination Looking always to an underlying justice
Idealism Develops in the desire to improve ideas and ways
Capabilities Whatever their form always steadily developed
Disposition The main thing is broadly sympathetic feeling
Expression of ideas Careful and much to the point
Motivation Selection of safe and well tried methods
General habits Quiet, settled, slow-moving, restful
Temper Docile and hard to rouse, but when roused —!
Animal spirits Once moved to activity, very daring
Personal appeal Sense of underlying power and attractive
Health habits Lazy, but methodical use of sound exercise
General bearing Hard to disturb, easy-going and restful
Intellectual life Cautious approach, but vivid grasp
In friendship Staid, somewhat emotional, unshakable

Sex life Framed in a domestic setting disliking sensuality

GROUP 3

General attitude towards life Desire to try new ideas

Basis of the character Ambitious and usually impulsive

Cast of mind Original with love of many interests

Basic temperament Highly imaginative and temperamental

Emotional structure Deeply expressed in sympathetic terms

Discrimination Tolerant, with mild views on life and things

Idealism Wide sympathies, tolerant views, moderate aims

Capabilities Many sided, resting on experimentation

Disposition Easily stirred or wounded, but full of sense

Expression of ideas Ability at all times to speak well

Motivation A restlessness yoked to some high purpose

General habits Studious, kindly, generous, thoughtful

Temper To all points of the compass and easily excited

Animal spirits Rapid reactions bordering on indiscretion

Personal appeal Gay, rapidly moving, and restless

Health habits Hard on body because of the mental drive

General bearing Dignified, yet jolly and temperamental

Intellectual life Everlastingly studying and seeking facts

In friendship Close, emotional, and inclined to passion

Sex life Difficult to control but when so deep and sound

GROUP 4

- General attitude towards life* Retiring but deeply serious
- Basis of the character* Sensitiveness and strong grasp
- Cast of mind* Diligent, tenacious, and full of conscience
- Basic temperament* Diffident, unselfish, but very reserved
- Emotional structure* Difficult to judge, always deep
- Discrimination* Inclined to be quixotic and somewhat narrow
- Idealism* Leans upon some form of worship or mysticism
- Capabilities* Of popular appeal with much adaptability
- Disposition* Very generous, thoughtful, but diplomatic
- Expression of ideas* Unusual forms and generally diverting
- Motivation* Reward and appreciation play a large part
- General habits* Careful with money, industrious, loyal
- Temper* Based rather on 'an-eye for an eye' and revengeful
- Animal spirits* Not marked, usually low and indifferently shown
- Personal appeal* Neat, good sense of fitness, quiet, unusual
- Health habits* Generally heterodox, avoiding normal advice
- General bearing* Selective attitude towards other people
- Intellectual life* Once uncertainty overcome, studious
- In friendship* Rest on sentimentality and much fidelity
- Sex life* Main spring a tireless constancy and moderation

GROUP 5

- General attitude toward life* Regal, generous, and calm
- Basis of the character* Direct ideas backed with fidelity
- Cast of mind* Rather overbearing, intuitive, strong and sharp
- Basic temperament* Just and filled with warm sincerity
- Emotional structure* Much expression of feeling and kindness
- Discrimination* Lofty view of issues with much tolerance
- Idealism* Supporter of the 'big' thing and inspired ideas
- Capabilities* Intense ambition causes early development
- Disposition* Extravagant, often, generous, and tolerant
- Expression of ideas* Well thought out, with finalized ideas
- Motivation* Either religious or based on national sentiment
- General habits* Careful, industrious, elegant and direct
- Temper* Rapidly roused with hastiness and little malice
- Animal spirits* Nervous tension plus unfearing power of attack.
- Personal appeal* Distant, lacking tact, but commanding
- Health habits* Usually conventional, relying on stimulation
- General bearing* Fixedly determined, but playing to the gallery
- Intellectual life* Lofty aim aided by a very gifted mind
- In friendship* Solid and perhaps a shade too trustful
- Sex life* Based usually on the old ideals of chivalry

GROUP 6

- General attitude towards life* Wide awake and observant
- Basis of the character* Rectitude in all things and justice
- Cast of mind* Somewhat calculating, very active, incisive
- Basic temperament* Warm affections allied to great loyalty
- Emotional structure* Generous in affection, tactful beyond
- Discrimination* Keen intuitions backed up with shrewdness
- Idealism* Rather sceptical, meditative, and keen on reform
- Capabilities* Good in most undertakings, perfect in detail
- Disposition* Shy, usually, and very sensitive and 'fussy'
- Expression of ideas* Delicate diplomatic, but sharp-edged
- Motivation* Improvement mentally and morally above all
- General habits* Eye to duties keen, good methods, carefulness
- Temper* Usually quick, but with as sudden abatement and calm
- Animal spirits* Inclined to stand back from effort but brave
- Personal appeal* Serious approach, dignified, courtly
- Health habits* Fair to good, fastidious, powerful 'come backs'
- General bearing* Gentlemanly and generally rather timid
- Intellectual life* Organized intellect rather high brow
- In friendship* Dignified, very demanding, seek high levels
- Sex life* Generally based on fidelity, cautious, cleanly

GROUP 7

- General attitude towards life* Colorful and intensely
just
- Basis of the character* Prepared thought in all matters
- Cast of mind* Versatile and capable of much adapt-
ability
- Basic temperament* That of a just judge in all con-
siderations
- Emotional structure* Sympathetic, emotional, warm-
hearted
- Discrimination* Fine beyond influence, and com-
passionate
- Idealism* Taken to extremes in efforts to secure
righteousness
- Capabilities* Always good, with plenty of vision
behind them
- Disposition* Kindly, tending to compassion, but
very just
- Expression of ideas* Excellent, possibly eloquent in
phrase
- Motivation* Balance and harmony in work and
general ideas
- General habits* Conform to social usage and are
refined
- Temper* Distaste for disputes, continuous efforts
for peace
- Animal spirits* Not marked, but great ability in a
crisis
- Personal appeal* The soul of tact and proper ap-
proach to all
- Health habits* Usually sound, but inclined to in-
dulgence
- General bearing* Otherworldly, or somewhat re-
tiring and quiet
- Intellectual life* Lover of art and given to creativeness
- In friendship* Very proper, but intensely cordial
and helpful
- Sex life* Emotional basis warm exceptionally con-
siderate

GROUP 8

- General attitude towards life* Detached and rather brusque
- Basis of character* Enterprise and command of ideas
- Cast of mind* Intensely active and logically perfect
- Basic temperament* Desire to command and to hold firmly
- Emotional structure* Much reservation and difficult to scan
- Discrimination* Mostly analytical with good grasp of detail
- Idealism* Deep discrimination and optimistic outlook on life
- Capacities* Hard in texture, efficient, coldly perfected
- Disposition* Exceedingly kindly, generous, and critical
- Expression of ideas* Incisive and seeming over-confident
- Motivation* Domination of a subject, or of people connected
- General habits* Usually impeccable, but luxury-loving
- Temper* Ordinarily calm, but when roused utterly fearless
- Animal spirits* Enthusiastic under cover of reservation
- Personal appeal* Inclined to choose and command, but amiable
- Health habits* Out door exercise hard living robustious
- General bearing* Great positiveness in all matters
- Intellectual life* Everything subordinated to cool deduction
- In friendship* Few friends, well-chosen devotedly served
- Sex life* Sharp alternations of great feeling, devotional

GROUP 9

- General attitude towards life* Hail fellow-well met type.
- Basis of the character* Geniality resting on self-reliance
- Cast of mind* Ambitious and persistent in a chosen course
- Basic temperament* Lies in a faculty for masterly control
- Emotional structure* Seldom stable, quixotic and impulsive
- Discrimination* Can be depended upon to maintain logical aims
- Idealism* Strong religious undercurrent (at least) to the life
- Capabilities* Clean-aimed and logically founded, always
- Disposition* On a note of buoyancy, and very optimistic
- Expression of ideas* Plain, even to tactlessness, strong
- Motivation* Mental and physical improvement at any cost
- General habits* Markedly neat, good organization, sparing
- Temper* Rests on tautened nerves, usually fairly boisterous
- Animal spirits* Usually immense, most courageous in crises
- Personal appeal* Good presence, sportsmanlike, genial
- Health habits* Risk taking, but athletic, good health usual
- General bearing* Altruistic and believing always for the best
- Intellectual life* Compassionate views, high aims, studious
- In friendship* Clean cut associations, frank and outspoken
- Sex life* Healthy conduct with single eyed attachments

GROUP 10

- General attitude towards life* Positive and serious outlook
- Basis of the character* Caution and practical aims in life
- Cast of mind* Dogmatic, serious, and very determinedly fixed
- Basic temperament* Formed on lines of the ambitions usually
- Emotional structure* Orthodox beliefs and conventional ends
- Discrimination* Tactful approach to truth and exposition
- Idealism* Very deep-rooted and tending to the devotional
- Capabilities* Usually strongly adaptable but conventionalized
- Disposition* In everything a positive note is sharply struck
- Expression of ideas* Often eloquent and much to the point
- Motivation* Preservation of orthodoxy in some shape or form
- General habits* The conventional habits of the profession
- Temper* Independent, tactfully resentful of criticism
- Animal spirits* When roused particularly masterly and fervid
- Personal appeal* Somewhat difficult, reserved, very selective
- Health habits* Neglectful of bodily requirements generally
- General bearing* Diffident and little time for social arts
- Intellectual life* Concise thinking, subtle ideas, severe
- In friendship* Few formed, but those tenaciously maintained
- Sex life* Lack of emotional basis, correct, ambition guided

GROUP II

- General attitude towards life* The generously, kindly outlook
- Basis of the character* A serious attachment to law and truth
- Cast of mind* Penetrating, seeking always the best thing
- Basic temperament* Self reliant and seldom relishing aid
- Emotional structure* Detachment and sincerity are well mated
- Discrimination* Preference for suspended judgment little bias
- Idealism* Generally has a sound philosophical basis to it
- Capabilities* Perfected in scientific manner and patiently
- Disposition* Boundless compassion and helpfulness to others
- Expression of ideas* Fully detailed and highly factual
- Motivation* Truth—in whatever sphere occupied that chiefly
- General habits* Detached and distant probably lost in thought
- Temper* Difficult to arouse sympathy for both sides usual
- Animal spirits* Lacking in demonstration but cool and firm
- Personal appeal* Generally a bright approach and most kindly
- Health habits* Good but neglect of mental strain is usual
- General bearing* Make way easily for others and are retiring
- Intellectual life* Finely formed, logical excellent memory
- In friendship* Diffuse and moved by sentiment, elusory

Sex life Rather cool and idealistic, lacking much fire

GROUP 12

General attitude towards life Compassion in ordered usage

Basis of the character Unselfishness and profound intuition

Cast of mind Quietly formed, but confident and somewhat passive

Basic temperament Display in everything a high idealism

Emotional structure Generous emotions on altruistic lines

Discrimination Seldom analysable, basically above bias

Idealism Deep emotional forms with a spiritual expression

Capabilities Find expression usually in unselfish motivation

Disposition Tendency to be confidential and affably interested

Expression of ideas Diffusive but with flashes of brilliance

Motivation Desperate desire to improve methods, detachment

General habits In most things an overriding eye to method

Temper Generally unpredictable, fanciful and rather wayward

Animal spirits Unassuming and retiring, small care for risks

Personal appeal Quiet approach, frank, and very lovable type

Health habits Seldom sound, and where so founded on anxiety

General bearing Small personality quota, and not pushful

Intellectual life Diplomatic, avoiding dangers, idealistic

In friendship Bound up always with the most romantic views.
Sex-life Very ordinary, but underpinned with vast sincerity

4 BRIEF INTERLUDE

At this point someone is sure to reach for a pen and paper in order to write and ask me if I consider his Group 'lucky' Who started this ridiculous idea I cannot think Yet, every year I find myself being asked the same question The answer is *that no Group is any 'luckier' than another* Indeed, I go further and say categorically that I do not believe in 'luck' If you hear anyone claiming that he was born under a 'lucky sign' you will be listening to a superstitious nincompoop If you see symbols of an astrological character on sale with the word 'luck' attached or implied, you will be looking at the fine art of the myth-vendor There is no immunity from evil to be gained by wearing such symbols—and I do not care how many 'testimonials' the manufacturers care to exhibit

On the other hand, it is true that certain Groups have more chance than others in specific walks of life That is not because they are 'luckier' but because the traits common to such Groups are *in the direction of those activities* It is not because the other Groups are in some way inferior generally I proved that in an earlier book (*The Scaled Book of Power*) by dissecting a list of 100 famous men and women

My list was built up of 64 people in a variety of callings, and 36 people only engaged in music as a profession, the 100 all being household names The results were interesting, and may help to dispel this horrible 'luck' idea

In the list of 64 *every Group was represented* This

might have been expected had I specially picked the people for my list. As a matter of plain truth, I took the names at random from a general compilation, merely making universal fame the condition for inclusion. *In a random list of the world famed every Group was represented!* Think of it!

More interesting still, one might have been forgiven for an idea that most musicians came from one more or less select Group. Did they? I took my list of 36 from a general list and made world fame the sole condition for inclusion, as with the former list. The result? *Seven Groups* were represented. That means that had someone asked an astrologue three hundred years ago whether any particular Group was likely to be 'lucky' in music he would have been right to laugh at the idea. For the five Groups *not* represented are prolific breeding-grounds of the counterparts of the great musical composers, the music critics, bibliographists, publishers, and so forth. That is a fact.

Taking my entire list of 100 world famous men and women, it became clear that *even when one considered the Groups which contained the lowest percentages, these were Groups which are traditionally recognized as not given to publicity or public acknowledgment.* They were names of men and women whose work, for one reason or another, though leading to fame, is not so generally accepted with acclaim at the time by the general public.

That, I think, disposes of the 'luck' idea. Do not trust to it in these coming years. It is dangerous and treacherous. I know some of my readers 'owe their lives to a rabbit's foot', and that others *never* go out without their 'zodiac brooch', or something terrible happens (I am not writing now of talismanic symbols—quite another matter). That's all right, if you care to be foolishly indulgent with yourself, *but it is meaningless in the bigger issues of life, and is childish.*

The only 'luck' worth having is a reasonable confidence in your own abilities. That, as I have tried to show, can only be gained from a proper understanding of yourself. If you have done what I requested you should be nearer this than you may perhaps have been in days past.

5 SQUARE PEGS

The commonest human problem, after all, is not difficult to name. I must have handled letters by the hundred thousand in the course of my career and am sure that were an analysis of them made there could only be one result. It would be that a majority of anxious letters have come from people who had become 'square pegs'.

No great gift of prophecy is needed to say that this post war phase is as fruitful as any other such period in causing 'square peg' difficulties. The very fact of direction, which has come into being in industry, must tend to increase these difficulties. I do not agree that men and women can be 'educated' satisfactorily for tasks they are naturally unfitted to perform. (I know perfectly well that I could be 'educated' in electrical engineering for the next decade and would emerge a complete menace to the simplest wiring system. Why? Because not one of the rudimentary faculties needed in that profession can be found in my make up, and because I have a distaste for such work anyway. Much the same applies to other people. I mark the point merely as a matter of common sense.)

The tragedy of this 'square peg' trouble is that the victims really do feel they are victims—that they have had a twist put into their lives which is basically irremediable. From that to hopelessness and black despair is not far to go. So, I take it, the avoidance (so far as may be possible) of going into peacetime existence as a square peg ought to exercise your mind.

You can only get the best out of your life by following the trends of your own Group, says astrology. That means living as near as possible to the levels of your Group. This is sure to bring out the necessary capabilities for breaking into the right atmosphere for mental satisfaction. Without it you are apt to function on merely half (or less) of your personal powers. It really is as simple as that!

Hard work? Yes, but you can at least get a glimpse of the possibilities if you spend time on studying my lists on pages 45-57. I asked you to make comparisons, but what I wish you now to understand is that these lists were compiled from direct observation supported by age old astrological ideas. They have had comparison with famous men of your Group, as of all the other eleven Groups, and amount to a composite biography of these famous people. You can select a celebrity for your self, if you like, and see how he fits in—preferably someone of your own Group.

But what if, after all, you *have* to engage in work which is not altogether suitable? Can anything be done about it? I think a great deal can be done and offer a few hints.

1 You can regard this work as a spring board instead of a hateful penance. Things learnt are useful in *all* spheres.

2 You can take the necessary time to plan out a way of securing the kind of work you feel is suited to you. That you may be sure will be too much trouble for the failure type!

3 You can begin now to study subjects wanted in the other type of work you wish to do.

4 You can begin to train your mind to think as though this improved existence had already begun. (No man becomes Prime Minister, one imagines, unless he has 'been' Prime Minister in his own mind for years beforehand. I know this sounds rather stupid, but it is nevertheless true, if you will think it out.)

5 If you are sufficiently interested, you could have a good astrological diagnosis prepared for you (Do not ask me to do this, because I am not practising in that field) But get hold of a sincere, and well-qualified astrologer, there are others!

6 You can, at very least, talk your problem over with some good friend, or an expert, or with a parson. The latter will probably surprise you with his knowledge and sound psychology.

Do these seem elementary suggestions? Very well, then let me say—with perhaps the smallest touch of malice—that the majority of people who write to me about their 'square pegged lives' are without this elementary commonsense. Actually, it is by no means elementary.

I conclude this part of my book with another elementary remark (if you insist that this is elementary stuff). It concerns the alteration which most people feel when wars come to an end. I remarked, of my own instance, the lack of direction and discipline. What do you suppose is the greatest and worst result of the change over to civilian life? Surely it is the pendulum swing from an ordered existence, in which one has to obey commands and keep to rigid time tables to one in which one is able, within limits, to please oneself.

What would happen, I wonder, were men and women who are returning to civilian life to continue, with necessary relaxations of course, the disciplined existence of wartime? That would put a strain on one's morality. It would not be easy—but it would be worth while for most people.

Give it a thought. Most of the people who succeed in life, one might almost say *all*, are disciplined people. If they do not have to accept an authority, they make themselves into an ordered unit, laying down private rules to which they adhere as strictly as any soldier obeys his officer's commands.

If you think this advice strange, coming from me, I fear that the rest of your ideas need rapid overhauling

PART THREE

YOUR COMING YEARS



This part of my work is divided into two main sections. In the first I attempt to give what I think will be the principal points of interest *to you personally* in these years. You must follow the same procedure as before and look for your own Group, which is plainly indicated.

The conclusions of the second section show, as nearly as is possible in such a work, the approximate timing during these years of the lives of men and women of the various Groups.

In every particular my conclusions are to be accepted as an approximation. I stress this because it is impossible to put down for the individual, in book form, the complete details a study of his or her chart would reveal. I hope you understand this.

Again, my conclusions are strictly astrological. By this I mean that they represent an interpretation of what astrology, and nothing else, has to say about the main indications used. The only personal interpolation is the shaping of terms used, and perhaps an error here and there due to the human element. I do not know of any such errors, nor have any been found as this goes to press, but I am not infallible, nor am I yet impeccable!

It is my contention that any commonsensical man or woman is able, after studying Part Two, to make sound use of what is in this Part Three of my work.

One point more before you turn to my findings these, obviously have been arranged so as to cover

women's interests as well as men's. In the first section, therefore, most readers will find items which do not, probably cannot, apply to them. They will apply to other people of the same Group, however. I have been obliged to make what best use I could of an enforced economy of space.

1 YEAR BY YEAR

GROUP 1

1945 The major benefits due this year appear to be associated with your private life. New friendships, for example, have more than average significance. Children and their affairs, too, are likely to be unusually important. From a material point of view the prospects appear to be quite sound. An interesting feature is the possibility of entering into favourable partnership arrangements. At the same time, I want to stress the desirability of exercising care in regard to matters likely to give rise to litigation. Participation in organised groups, whether for business or social purposes, may lead to disappointments.

1946 This year seems likely to provide a number of interesting new developments, some of which may have a bearing on travel and matters at a distance. The general atmosphere is distinctly optimistic, thanks to improved vitality. The question of status is likely to be settled satisfactorily and, in general, you can count on the sympathy and support of people in positions of authority. The chief exceptions to these favourable trends are family affairs and social activities. The question of financial arrangements is of considerable importance in this connexion. I do not think it would be wise to accept heavy commitments at this stage.

1947 Financial prospects are now more encouraging and it should be possible to achieve success with most forms of business transaction. Ties with others are likely to be strengthened, although it will probably be found that old associations are more satisfactory than new acquaintanceships. It would, in fact, be well to display a fair amount of tact in dealing with other people. 1947 is not altogether a favourable year for social and domestic interests. Matters outside your normal experience should be regarded with reserve. Plans affecting primarily your private life are, in fact, subject to delays.

1948 Interest during 1948 seems to be focussed on the possibility of securing concrete financial gains. The prospects of business advancement are likely to be more than usually good and even where litigation is necessary there would appear to be grounds for optimism. Social activities, too, and new friendships may be a source of considerable happiness. Home life, on the other hand, tends to be less satisfactory and there may be unforeseen complications in connexion with family affairs, property interests, or private possessions. There may, also, be some need to take steps to protect your status.

1949 There seems to be need for extra care in dealing with business interests during 1949. Financial commitments may be heavier than you anticipated and there is a possibility that you will have to contend with opposition from others. Fortunately, vitality appears to be above par and foresight in dealing with partnership arrangements should enable you to avoid serious embarrassment. An interesting feature is the evidence of new friendships. There are signs of favourable activity connected with travel and a generous expansion of interests would be likely to prove helpful.

1950 Indications for 1950 suggest the possibility of benefit as a result of co-operation with others. Associates may play an unusually prominent part in your affairs, both in private and business concerns. At the same time, I want to make it clear that I do not regard this as a favourable year for launching ambitious schemes. There seems to be little immediate prospect of large-scale financial gains and you will have to make allowance for the likelihood of delays in connexion with most business activities. The chief benefits are, in fact, confined to social and domestic interests

GROUP 2

1945 Matters connected with the home and your personal affairs tend to dominate the year. Relations with others appear to be on a far friendlier footing and there may be important developments connected with younger people and new friends. In business matters the atmosphere may be less actively helpful and I do not think it would be wise to rely to any extent on others. Financial prospects are slightly below par and there is some risk of delays due to misunderstandings. All written matter, incidentally, needs careful scrutiny. In general, familiar activities promise to be the most satisfactory

1946 There is every opportunity this year to realise a number of outstanding ambitions. The prospects of business success appear to be above the average and improvement in status is by no means improbable. There are signs, too, of far more stability in home life. Consultation with members of your immediate circle should enable you to settle several outstanding problems. At the same time, I want to stress the importance of keeping all expenditure

within sensible limits Extravagance in connexion with social life could easily lead to complications I strongly recommend care, too, in your choice of associates

1947 The emphasis this year is again on business advancement Co operation with reliable associates will greatly improve your chances of success and I regard this as a good year for entering into partnership arrangements Home affairs, too, appear to be on a more satisfactory footing The chief disadvantage of present conditions however, is the amount of restlessness displayed The desire for changes may lead to setbacks New friends do not appear to be reliable and I advise you to be on your guard against tackling new schemes without adequate preparation Expenditure, too, needs care

1948 The major benefits this year appear to be associated with activities of a familiar type Changes have little immediate prospect of success Financial arrangements are likely to need intelligent supervision, for there are signs of a number of minor losses directly due to your own carelessness New friends, too, may be unreliable and I do not regard this as a suitable year for launching ambitious social schemes Home life, on the other hand, seems to be far happier than usual, Ties with others are likely to be strengthened This too, is a good year for tackling questions to do with property and family affairs generally

1949 There may be delays in connexion with schemes for business advancement and I think you had better make allowance for the possibility of occasional financial setbacks There is need for care,

too, in the choice of new friends especially where there is any risk of misunderstandings occurring. Home life, on the other hand, seems likely to be unexpectedly happy. As a general rule, I think the wisest policy for the next twelve months will be to aim at keeping all activities on as normal a footing as possible. A little foresight will do much to prevent mistakes.

1950 There may be temporary strain in financial matters during the course of the year, and I do not think it would be wise, therefore, to accept new commitments for some time to come. Domestic arrangements, in particular, may be troublesome and it would be well to rule out unnecessary expenditure. In other respects, the year promises to be pleasant enough and there are signs of a widening of the range of your interests. There is a possibility of more travel than usual. Another welcome feature is the possibility of a better understanding with others generally.

GROUP 3

1945 This year is likely to see a general improvement in your status. An interesting feature is the possibility of closer co-operation with members of your immediate circle. People in positions of authority, too, may be prepared to give valuable assistance. The favourable influences also appear to cover most forms of social activity. Home affairs, on the other hand, seem to be subject to minor delays. The question of expenditure needs careful consideration. Another point to watch is correspondence and signed agreements. Health, too, would be likely to benefit from a little extra attention.

1946 This is a year in which to aim at close co-operation with associates. I strongly recommend an

effort to widen your circle, in both business and social affairs. Younger people, for example, may play a prominent part in some of the developments now due. At the same time, there is need for care to eliminate any risk of misunderstandings in connexion with any agreements you may enter into. Also, you will have to make sure that the new interests are not permitted to break up old associations. Over-enthusiasm for social activities, for instance, may lead to upsets in home life.

1947 Progress seems to be rather slower than usual during the next twelve months and I am of the opinion, therefore, that you should plan the year on rather conservative lines. *£ s d* arrangements need special care, for income may fall short of your expectations. There is no justification, however, for a pessimistic attitude of mind. Relations with others can be established on a more satisfactory footing, both in the home and outside. Favourable results can be expected in most instances if you tackle domestic questions on sound lines.

1948 This is a year which in my judgment is calculated to bring increased stability in your affairs. The emphasis is primarily on family questions and it should be possible to settle a number of problems which have been causing delays. At the same time, I advise caution where any question of litigation is involved. Correspondence and written agreements both need close supervision. It may be necessary, too, to display a fair amount of foresight in handling financial affairs. The biggest obstacle to progress is the ease with which disputes occur. Tact will, of course, do much to reduce the tension.

1949 The indications for 1949 suggest general expansion of your activities. The possibility of travel

should not be ruled out and, in most cases, you will benefit by contact with fresh ideas and new friends. Social life appears to give considerable pleasure and, in addition, there are signs of welcome incidents in the home. Although the general financial position appears to be sound enough, I suggest a measure of caution where money matters are involved. There may also be need for a little extra care in regard to health. You should aim at being as adaptable as possible for ingenuity will help you to dispose of most of the difficulties.

1950 New factors tend to come into play and you may find this an unusually active year. The chief disadvantage is that new interests are liable to interfere with your more permanent ambitions. There may be complications which disturb family affairs and I recommend plenty of care in handling all domestic questions. Fortunately, the financial prospects seem to be above par and business acumen should make it possible for you to secure concrete gains. New responsibilities can safely be accepted, provided always that you consult your intimates in advance.

GROUP 4

1945 Good opportunities for progress seem probable and you must not be deceived by the seemingly dull conditions. Financial arrangements, it is true, need special care and it would not be wise to count on major gains. Home affairs, too, require tactful handling. An important factor in dealing with the situation is the possibility of entering into successful partnership arrangements. Relations with others are on a more satisfactory footing and social life, in particular, shows signs of benefit as a result of the better understanding now likely to prevail. There are, in fact, grounds for a fair degree of optimism.

1946 Financial considerations seem to be more than usually prominent during the year. Co-operation with others will help to increase your chance of success and there is every indication of improvement in your general position. Health and vitality also appear to be above the average. Home life is less satisfactory and you will have to see that you avoid a number of petty disputes which seem probable if you give way to impatience. Correspondence needs care. Your own indiscretions, incidentally, are the chief cause of disappointments in social life.

1947 A reasonably helpful year, although I see no outstanding indications of any drastic change in your position. There are good prospects of expansion in social matters, but new interests involve additional expenditure and it would not be wise to take unnecessary risks. The main benefits appear to be associated with your private life. New friendships, for example, assume more than average significance. Vitality seems to be above par and energetic action should enable you to push ahead with your plans. Other people, too, are likely to show themselves more willing to co-operate.

1948 New forms of activity are liable to overshadow ordinary interests during the course of this year. The emphasis is on social affairs and it seems to me that you will benefit by an attempt to widen your circle of acquaintances. Younger people, in particular, seem likely to play a prominent part in your affairs. Family problems can also be tackled with fair prospects of success, provided that you are tactful in your approach to others. Financial liabilities tend to be heavier than usual and I would exclude property interests from the general trend of favourable developments.

1949. In spite of the likelihood of some limitation of your financial prospects, 1949 promises to be a favourable year from the point of view of realising outstanding ambitions. There is every indication of improvement in your status if you concentrate on forwarding existing interests. There is some liability, however, for your attention to be distracted by a desire for changes. New friends may be somewhat unreliable and home life shows signs of occasional upsets. Negotiations to do with property and allied interests need special care. The main indications are, however, sufficiently favourable to warrant optimism.

1950. Expenditure may be heavier than you anticipated and I am of the opinion that you should not attempt to launch ambitious schemes during the course of this year. In addition, you may have to contend with complications in home affairs. The best protection against setbacks is a close understanding with associates. New contacts are in evidence, and, given discrimination in the choice of your intimates, you should find personal relations reasonably satisfactory. Normal business interests appear to proceed on sound lines, even litigation being under favourable influences.

GROUP 5

1945. This is likely to prove a favourable year for the advancement of your major interests. New agreements can be made with good prospects of success and, generally speaking, you are likely to find other people helpful in forwarding your plans. At the same time, I do not think it would be wise to be at all reckless where money is involved. Correspondence, too, needs careful supervision. Home and

social affairs are under slightly less favourable influences and in my view the quieter you take things in your private life the better. The chief aim should be to maintain the maximum possible stability.

1946 Current indications suggest a welcome improvement in your financial position. Shrewd judgment in business affairs is likely to lead to gains, and your chances of success are heightened by close co-operation with associates. There is need for care, however, where litigation is likely to be involved, and I advise compromise in preference to extreme measures of any kind. The quickening of the pace may necessitate extra attention to health. It would be well, too, to avoid over excitement in social life. Home affairs appear to be sound, provided you are careful in dealing with younger people.

1947 Here is another year in which there seems to be need for care in dealing with financial matters. There may be some difficulties as a result of faulty judgment in the choice of associates, and I am inclined to advise special care where it is a question of anything lying outside your normal experience. Family questions and property negotiations also tend to demand foresight. Progress may not be as speedy as you anticipated, but commonsense should enable you to avoid serious mistakes.

1948 Personal initiative will probably prove to be the deciding factor in ensuring success now. Enterprise is likely to lead to definite financial gains, and it should be possible for you to push ahead with your plans for advancement with renewed vigour. The only disadvantage is a tendency to be over reckless and I want to emphasise, therefore, the need for

care in dealing with anything likely to lead to litigation. Social activities, too, should be kept within sensible limits. The atmosphere in home life tends to be rather dull and there is need for tact in dealing with others generally. I do not regard this as a suitable year, incidentally, for important property transactions.

1949 This is likely to prove a year of solid achievement, and I do not doubt that you will be able to make steady headway in most matters. Partnership arrangements may be of special value, and I recommend an attempt to improve the tone of your relations with others generally. There is no evidence of special difficulties in connexion with £ s d and, although it would not be wise to expect spectacular gains, I think you will find the position reasonably sound throughout. Home life, too, is pleasant in spite of minor upsets connected with younger people. New friendships, however, may be disappointing.

1950 Fresh responsibilities can safely be accepted during 1950, for the main trend appears to be towards increased stability in your affairs as a whole. It is a favourable year for the signing of contracts and other forms of agreement. There is, however, some need for care where financial interests are involved. Expenditure may be heavier than usual and you cannot afford experiments. New schemes proposed by comparatively recent friends, in particular, should be regarded with a fair amount of reserve. The main benefits appear to link up with home life and family interests.

GROUP 6

1945 Business interests are likely to flourish during this year, and sound co operation with associates

should facilitate the realisation of your ambitions. Advancement in matters to do with occupational interests seem probable, and there is good reason to expect a corresponding improvement in the financial position. Personal affairs are slightly less satisfactory. There are signs of upsets in the home and a number of friendships are likely to be subject to strain. Children's interests need special care, and I recommend plenty of discrimination in your choice of new friends.

1946 Delays seem probable at this stage and my advice is to plan the whole year on conservative lines. Minor setbacks in connexion with business interests appear to have their origin in failure to reach an understanding with associates. Social activities, too, may be rather disappointing and I advise you to rule out anything likely to react on health. In spite of the prevailing dullness, there seem to be pleasing incidents connected with home affairs. Old friends and relatives, incidentally, are more likely to be of assistance than recent acquaintances.

1947 Interest is focussed during the greater part of this year on matters connected with your private life. New contacts are likely to prove stimulating and there is every incentive to make a break with normal routine. The financial prospects are encouraging, and I should not be surprised to learn of a number of important developments in social life. At the same time I want to stress the importance of tact in dealing with others, especially in business life. Over confidence may be responsible for indiscretions, and I recommend care, therefore, in both speech and writing.

1948 Differences of opinion are likely to become acute in dealing with business affairs, and I advise

maximum caution when handling actual contracts. Other people may be unwilling to co-operate and I advise you to make due allowance for possible delays. Home affairs, too, may make heavy demands on your patience. Expenditure, of course, needs to be confined to essentials. The year is not without its advantages, however, and these appear to be associated in the main with social interests. I do not doubt your ability to make good headway in spite of the delays.

1949 This appears likely to prove a somewhat uneven year with some risk of upsets in home life. One of the most obvious obstacles to progress is failure to reach an understanding with members of your immediate circle. There is need for a fair amount of care, too, in your choice of new friends. In my judgment important changes would be better postponed. The general financial position, fortunately, seems to be sound enough and steady effort on practical lines should enable you to hold your own in most matters. A self-reliant attitude is likely to be one of your most valuable assets.

1950 The emphasis appears to shift now to business advancement and 1950 is likely to provide good opportunities for realising a number of long-standing ambitions. There is a healthy tone in regard to £ s d. Equally important is the possibility of enlisting the support of people in positions of authority. Social life, too, may be a source of great pleasure. Home life, on the other hand, demands extra care for misunderstandings tend to set up considerable friction. You will be well advised, too, to pay a little extra attention to health considerations.

GROUP 7

1945 Advancement seems probable during the course of the next twelve months. The two most important factors are (a) a better understanding with others, and (b) success in dealing with financial matters generally. In addition, there are good prospects of success in social life. The points which seem to require care include all forms of agreement, litigation, and the choice of new friends. There is a possibility of a number of minor upsets in home life. Children and their interests, for example, need special care. Health, too, could do with a little more attention than usual so as to prevent any strain arising out of the heightened activity.

1946 There is a possibility of irritating delays in connexion with current plans, and I think it would be well, therefore, to rule out new commitments at this stage. Personal relationships appear to be subject to a fair amount of strain and you will have to be on your guard against misunderstandings. A point to bear in mind is that new friendships may be of more value than old associations. Social life seems to be a source of considerable pleasure. The general financial position is sufficiently sound to guarantee stability so long as you keep to strictly practical issues.

1947 This promises to be a favourable year for most types of business transaction. The only outstanding exception seems to be property negotiations. There are good possibilities of improvement in status, socially and otherwise, but I am of the opinion that you will be well advised to regard close partnership arrangements of any kind with a fair degree of reserve. Domestic arrangements, too, may make heavy demands on your foresight owing to the amount of

outside interference with your plans. In spite of occasional upsets, the general position does, however, seem to be more than usually encouraging.

1948 I think you may find this a rather uneven year, and in the circumstances I advise you to postpone ambitious schemes for the present. Financial prospects seem to be slightly below par and although I do not anticipate serious strain I feel that you need to be on your guard against unnecessary risks. Domestic arrangements, also, require careful planning, and here, too, financial considerations are likely to be of paramount importance. I also advise a fair amount of discrimination in social life, especially in the choice of associates. Given practical measures, however, it should be possible to hold your own in most matters.

1949 Business and financial interests appear to be on a firm basis during the year, and I think you can safely count on good results so long as you are content to concentrate on familiar activities. The desire for excitement needs to be checked, especially in connexion with social interests. Disappointments in many cases are directly due to unwise reliance on other people. I particularly urge care where there is any question of entering into partnership arrangements. Steady effort should, however, bring increased prestige.

1950 By this time you should be in a more favourable position for realising your ambitions. 1950 seems to be an admirable year for pushing ahead with schemes for business advancement. Other people are likely to be more willing to help. I recommend plenty of discrimination, however, in your choice of new associates. Unfamiliar types of activity tend to be disappointing. Financial arrangements,

too, need more than average care. I strongly advise against purely speculative ventures at this stage. Well-established interests, on the other hand, appear to have good prospects of success.

GROUP 8

1945 This appears to be a year which offers unusually good opportunities for securing material advancement. Shrewd judgment should result in welcome financial gains and you can look forward to increased stability in emotional matters. The only exception appears to be home life where there is evidence of occasional upsets. A point demanding maximum care this year is the question of financial arrangements for expenditure may be heavier than you anticipated. The situation is likely to be further complicated by a fair amount of friction with associates. In matters bearing on occupational interests, I strongly recommend a conservative policy.

1946 The two principal obstacles to progress this year seem to be the possibility of financial strain and the amount of friction involved in dealing with other people. Plans for business advancement tend to hang fire, and I strongly urge you to play for safety where vital interests are at stake. In my opinion you will get the best results by keeping to normal routine throughout the year. There is no reason to adopt a pessimistic view of things for steady effort should enable you to hold your own. In addition, social life and friendships promise to provide more happiness than usual.

1947 The financial position appears to be satisfactory during 1947. It does not appear to be an outstandingly important year, but steady effort should

enable you to secure general improvement in your status. Co-operation with others, incidentally, will improve your chances of success. Legal matters, however, and all documents requiring your signature need close supervision. Private life and social activities are somewhat less satisfactory. I specially want to draw attention to the need for discrimination in your choice of new friends.

1948 New responsibilities can be accepted with confidence now. Other people seem to be more willing to co-operate and you will benefit by working in close co-operation with members of your immediate circle. The financial prospects are quite sound and most business transactions are likely to work out to your advantage. The important thing is to be wary where unfamiliar factors are involved. Family affairs, in particular, need to be handled with special tact. Steady effort on practical lines is likely to produce better results than more spectacular methods.

1949 One of the principal obstacles to progress this year is the element of friction in relations with others. There may be opposition to your plans on the part of associates and you had better make allowance for the likelihood of delays. In business matters the closer you keep to normal routine the better the results. The main benefits of the year appear to be associated with home life. I regard it as a favourable point for tackling domestic problems and family affairs generally. Your energies should be directed primarily towards settling outstanding problems, and achieving as much stability as possible.

1950 The general atmosphere suggests a quiet year and I think you will be well advised to keep to famil

lar ground throughout. There is a marked danger of misunderstandings and setbacks if you attempt any drastic break with normal routine. Anything likely to lead to litigation needs maximum caution. I am of the opinion that compromise has better prospects of success than extreme measures of any kind. Given care, the financial position seems to be reasonably sound. There are signs, too, of increased settlement in home life. Friendships may be a source of considerable pleasure.

GROUP 9

1945 This is a year which seems to offer unusually favourable opportunities for improving the tone of relations with others. New contacts are likely to be stimulating and there is every incentive to seek to widen the range of your activities. The financial position is sufficiently sound to guarantee a fair amount of stability. I advise care, however, where business interests are involved. There may be opposition to your plans and you need to see that disputes are not allowed to develop to the point at which litigation is liable to be involved. Home life, too, needs careful handling. Extra rest seems desirable from a health point of view.

1946 There appears to be a fair amount of fluctuation in your affairs during 1946. Matters involving additional expenditure need more than average care. Foresight will be essential in all business transactions, for lack of care in your agreements may be responsible for a number of disputes which react on your general position. In private life the outlook seems to be more promising. You will no doubt derive considerable pleasure from social activities and new friendships are likely to assume more than normal significance. Younger people, in particular,

seem to play a prominent part. Several ambitions of long standing are, in fact, likely to be realised.

1947. Progress in business matters may be rather slower than you would like, but you can count on good results so long as you keep to familiar types of activity. Extravagance of any kind should be ruled out, and I advise moderation in social life generally. The main benefits of the year seem to be associated with home interests. Friendships, too, are likely to add to your happiness. In addition, there are signs of more moving about than usual. A little extra care for health, however, will be well worth while for over-strenuous activity could easily lead to strain.

1948. The possibility of occasional financial setbacks makes it desirable to spend this year rather quietly. New moves, in any event, are likely to prove slightly disappointing. I do not regard it either as a favourable year for important property negotiations. Family affairs in general may require special care. By way of compensation, there are signs of new contacts which add to the interest of social life. New friendships are likely to be valuable and you can safely seek to widen the range of your interests. In general, I should say that results will depend very much on your own efforts.

1949. You now reach a point at which you can tackle outstanding problems connected with your private life. There are signs of heightened vitality, and you can count on a satisfactory year from the point of view of social advancement. In purely business matters I am inclined to recommend a little more caution. New partnership arrangements, for example, need maximum care. Financial matters, too, need to be kept on a conservative footing.

There may be delays in connexion with occupational interests, especially if you allow yourself to be involved in disputes

1950 This is a year which seems likely to see the realisation of a number of outstanding ambitions. The main indications point to expansion of your activities, notably in connexion with business affairs. At the same time, I want to stress the importance of tact in dealing with associates. Impatience tends to interfere with sound judgment in regard to agreements. Financially, however, the outlook seems to be distinctly encouraging. There may be more moving about than usual, and I would by no means rule out the possibility of fairly extensive travel. Home life, too, appears to be on a more satisfactory footing.

GROUP 10

1945 The question of relations with others is more than normally important this year. I strongly recommend an effort to enlist the support of people in positions of influence in dealing with business affairs. Steps should be taken to safeguard the general financial position for commitments may be heavier than you calculated. I particularly wish to draw attention to the desirability of moderation in all social matters. Good results can be expected, nevertheless, if you concentrate on your normal activities. Your chief aim should be to avoid friction, whether in business or private affairs.

1946 The emphasis this year seems to be on your private life. Major benefits can be expected in connexion with the home, and, in addition, social activities seem to be more than usually enjoyable. Unfortunately, the benefits do not entirely rule out the

possibility of occasional disappointments caused by your own indiscretions. I strongly urge care in both speech and writing. I think, too, that you will do well to display a fair amount of tact in dealing with business contacts. Failure to reach an understanding with others tends to limit your chances of success.

1947 Delays in business negotiations may interfere with many of your plans, and my advice is to plan the year, therefore, on rather quiet lines. Misunderstandings in connexion with new agreements appear to be responsible for a number of disputes, some of them sufficiently grave to necessitate litigation if you attempt to push things to extremes. Your chief aim should be to keep your affairs on as normal a footing as possible. Where new developments occur they seem to affect primarily your private life. New friendships, for example, are likely to add to your happiness.

1948 Favourable conditions now seem to exist for the realisation of a number of important ambitions. Improvement in status is well within the bounds of possibility. Financial prospects, too, are well above the average. Heightened vitality is likely to enable you to pursue your interests with special vigour and co-operation with others should improve your general chances of success. New friendships, however, need more than average care. You will have to see, too, that you do not devote too much of your energy to purely social matters. Unfamiliar types of activity tend to be disappointing. Home life also makes demands on your tact.

1949 The question of personal relationships is an integral factor during 1949. Social activities, in particular, need planning with more than usual care. There may be some opposition to your plans, and I

do not think it would be wise to take unnecessary risks. Travel is another thing which needs care, and in general, I think you had better keep to the normal run of your activities. The principal benefits of the year seem to be associated with home life and allied interests. There may be important developments connected with people younger than yourself. Partnership arrangements, too, are likely to work out to your advantage.

1950 The most striking feature of the year is the possibility of securing important financial gains. New responsibilities can safely be accepted, especially in occupational matters, for there is evidence of a definite improvement in your status. Home life, too, seems to be unusually happy and you can count on a better understanding with members of your immediate circle. These favourable tendencies do not, however, apply equally well to social matters. It is possible that new friends may be unreliable. Generally speaking, you are likely to find that familiar activities are the most satisfactory.

GROUP II

1945 Current influences appear to favour a general expansion of your interests. There are likely to be good opportunities for reaching agreement with others, and social life should be reasonably enjoyable. The outlook is not quite so satisfactory in business affairs. Financial interests tend to suffer as a result of delays, and you will have to see that expenditure is confined to essentials. It would be wise to make allowance for the possibility of delays in all business negotiations. Anything likely to lead to litigation would be better avoided.

1946 Such difficulties as are experienced this year are likely to arise in connexion with home or social

interests In most respects the year is fairly progressive All financial arrangements, however, need special care, and I think it advisable to postpone ambitious schemes In my opinion the best results are likely to come from perseverance with normal activities When in doubt I suggest you turn to relatives or old friends for advice New friendships tend to be slightly unsatisfactory Your chief aim should be to secure as much stability as possible.

1947 This year will probably be rather quiet, and I suggest you postpone ambitious schemes Progress is, nevertheless, sufficiently sound to warrant a fair degree of optimism New responsibilities may have to be accepted, but there is every indication of increased stability in your affairs as a whole I do not think, however, that it would be wise to rely to any extent on assistance from others Social life tends to be spoiled by frequent misunderstandings I urge care in your choice of new friends for there is some risk of emotional tension, especially if you indulge in experiments

1948 In spite of the generally dull tone, this is quite a good year from a financial point of view Where difficulties occur they appear to have their origin largely in failure to reach an understanding with associates As a general rule, I think you will find familiar activities more satisfactory than experiments An interesting factor is the possibility of important developments in social life Home affairs, on the other hand, may make heavy demands on your patience I advise care, too, in the choice of new friends There is a liability to take unnecessary risks, physically and otherwise but commonsense should prevent serious setbacks

1949 Progress during 1949, also, may be slower than you would like but I am convinced that steady effort will enable you to hold your own in most matters. Consultation with others will do much to reduce the risk of mistakes in business life. Partnership arrangements, in particular, promise to be more than usually helpful. Financial arrangements, however, need to be watched for there is a marked tendency to over-spend. Social life, too, needs careful planning, and I do not think it would be wise to tackle ambitious schemes at this stage. As for home life, the general atmosphere seems to be quite sound.

1950 There is still some need for care in dealing with £ s d, and I think you should make allowance for the possibility of delays. There are signs of friction with associates and in many instances the strain has its origin in your own impatience. Over excitement of any kind would be likely to add to the tension and my advice, therefore, is to keep all activities on as normal a footing as possible. The most welcome feature of the year is the marked improvement in the tone of home life. New friendships, too, are likely to add to your happiness. Social engagements also promise to be unexpectedly enjoyable.

GROUP 12

1945 The main developments due now seem to link up primarily with your private life. It is quite a good year for dealing with domestic problems and family affairs generally. The financial outlook seems to be less satisfactory, and I think you had better be cautious where money is involved. There is a rather sluggish tone in business affairs, and I do not advise you to attempt new ventures just now. Social life, too, tends to be disappointing. Minor setbacks

should not, however, be allowed to assume undue significance. Other people are likely to give valuable assistance in coping with your problems.

1946 You now reach a point at which you can safely make a bid to realise your main ambitions. Financial arrangements do, however, need care for the rate of expansion is likely to involve additional demands on your resources. Extravagance in connexion with social life seems to me particularly unwise. Other people, however, give valuable assistance in forwarding the majority of your interests. Matters to do with the home and family affairs can also be tackled with good results. There may be travel of some kind.

1947 There seems to be some need for care in dealing with business associates this year. I particularly recommend tact in dealing with those in authority. There is evidence of some restlessness, but in my judgment new ventures are likely to prove disappointing. New friendships, too, do not appear to be as helpful as you would like. My advice is to concentrate on normal activities for the present. Health, incidentally, seems to be above par. A point to bear in mind is that this is quite a good year for tackling outstanding problems. Old friends may be willing to help.

1948 Here, again, you need to take things quietly in dealing with business interests. There is a possibility of slight financial embarrassment and you will do well to avoid new commitments. Friction with associates is one of the principal obstacles to progress. Contracts and other matters requiring your signature need close scrutiny. Your private life on the

other hand seems to be happier than of late. Relations with members of your immediate circle show improvement. Travel is possible, and there may be a helpful change of environment.

1949 Financial arrangements need special care this year. Plans are subject to delays and you cannot afford to take unnecessary risks. Home life, too, shows signs of occasional upsets, and there may be need to pay special attention to children or their interests. Progress can be expected, however, in other departments of your life. Social activities, for example, seem to be enjoyable and you can look forward to general improvement in your status. On the whole, I incline to the view that you will get the best results by concentrating on normal activities.

1950 Business interests do reasonably well this year, but it would be advisable to keep a careful eye on actual expenditure. It seems to me, too, that all forms of contract need careful vetting to prevent misunderstandings arising. Some of the difficulties appear to be due to your own indiscretions, and I think you had better be careful in dealing with communications generally. On the whole, however, relations with others seem to be reasonably good. A pleasing feature is the likelihood of interesting developments in connexion with home and family affairs.

2. TIMINGS

These are given in smaller groupings. Because of the impossibility of considering each individual birth date I have respected my space limitations by taking each ten throughout the year.

Look in the next section for the dates containing

your own birthdate and you will find a summary of the rise and fall in the timings over the entire period under survey

March 20—April 1 Plans show little immediate evidence of progress as 1945 begins, but you must not be discouraged by the seemingly dull tone. Once January is over, you should be able to make good headway for at least a couple of months. Given a little effort on your part, it should be possible to secure benefits in both business and private affairs during February and March. Further delays may occur in April and May, but from that point on there is every indication of increased stability for some time to come. The settled tendencies are, in fact, operative right the way through until November, 1950. December of that year may, however, call a temporary halt.

March 31—April 11 You seem to meet with unusually favourable conditions right at the beginning of 1945, and I advise you to see that your major plans coincide with the first five months of the year. There are signs of a dull patch between June and August, but progress should again be possible from September on. 1946, too, opens on an optimistic note and the first couple of months seem to provide good opportunities for advancement. The period March to May needs to be spent rather more quietly. June and July, however, should enable you to make up for lost ground. The rest of the year is reasonably helpful. Early 1947 again shows a quickening of the pace, and from May of that year right up to the end of 1950 you can count on steady progress with most of your interests.

April 10—21 Pleasant conditions can be expected during the first eight months of 1945. The going may be rather slow, however, between September, 1945,

and February, 1946. The period March to May is the best time for pushing your plans during 1946. June and July need careful handling, but from August on there are signs of stability up to the end of April, 1947. The second half of that year and the first eight months of 1948 is the peak point of opportunity, and a little extra effort then should make it possible to realise a number of ambitions. The tail end of 1948 seems to be quiet, but there is another favourable spell early in 1949. The months from June, 1949, to the end of 1950 show general settlement in most directions.

April 20—May 2 1945 seems to be a rather quiet year, and results will depend very much upon yourself. There are no signs of special difficulties, however, this side of August, 1946. The last five months of that year seem to require increasing care, and the dull conditions may hold good until the end of July, 1947. The outlook is more hopeful for a full twelve months from that date and by September, 1948, you should be in a position to push ahead more energetically. December, 1948, to May, 1949, shows reasonable progress in most matters. From mid 1949 to the end of 1950 however, you can count on favourable conditions for realising your ambitions.

May 1—12 You now appear to enter upon a period of quiet progress which holds good right through 1945 and 1946 and well into 1947. There is need for increasing care during the summer of 1947, but from November on the atmosphere seems to be somewhat easier. The period, February to June 1948, is another dull patch during which you need to play for safety in most matters. Fortunately, the second half of the year is reasonably helpful, and, given a little foresight, you should be able to make fair progress.

during the greater part of 1950 The only exception is a short spell in May, 1950, when delays are probable

May 11—21 You, too, are likely to enjoy a prolonged spell of reasonably settled conditions from the beginning of 1945 up to October, 1947 The end of the year, however, may be marked by a series of minor setbacks which hold up your plans until February, 1948 The Spring of that year shows a fair degree of stability, but I recommend increasing care from July to September The end of 1948 and the first four months of 1949 give good opportunities for progress on unspectacular lines Steady effort will be necessary if you are to achieve the best results May coincides with another dull phase, but there is a quick return to normal and I anticipate steady headway in most matters from June, 1949, to the end of 1950

May 20—June 1 You can look forward to a fairly extensive spell of steady progress with most of your major interests during the period from January, 1945, to September, 1948 This is followed by a span of approximately six months, up to April, 1949, during which there is need for increasing care As far as possible, major schemes should be tackled during May of that year, or else left until after September The last three months of 1949 and practically the whole of 1950 are likely to provide good opportunities for progress on normal lines There is little evidence of spectacular developments, but the general tone is favourable

May 31—June 11 You, too, are likely to enjoy increased stability in your affairs for some consider-

nble time to come. Careful planning will be essential if you are to get the best results, but the period from the beginning of 1945 to roughly September, 1949, does, at any rate, seem to be reasonably free from major difficulties. October, 1949, marks the beginning of a slightly less favourable phase when delays are liable to occur, and I recommend plenty of caution from then until August, 1950. The last four months of 1950 are likely to provide an opportunity for getting your affairs on a settled footing again.

June 10—21 1945 seems to coincide with the start of a more settled phase in your affairs during which efforts can best be directed towards the consolidation of existing interests. There is little prospect of dramatic changes this side of August, 1950, but careful planning should enable you to hold your own in most matters. The end of the year shows a fair amount of fluctuation and I recommend plenty of caution in both business and private affairs during the months of September, October, and November, 1950. December, however, is likely to show a general return to easier conditions.

June 20—July 2 Delays appear probable during the early part of 1945, and I do not think it would be wise to launch ambitious schemes before June, 1945. After that, however, there is every indication of a period of comparative stability during which there is very little to interfere with your plans. The general atmosphere for some time to come is reasonably encouraging and a little foresight should enable you to eliminate special difficulties. December, 1950, however, shows a break in the run of favourable tendencies. During that month I think you will be well advised to play for safety in everything.

July 1—12 You are likely to meet with favourable influences during the early part of 1945. Concentration on familiar activities should, in fact, produce a fair degree of stability. There are signs of a rather dull patch at mid-year, say between June and August, but the situation is likely to return to normal by September. From then until February, 1946, you can count on a clear run with most of your affairs. March to May, 1946, may be rather difficult, however, and my advice would be to arrange to spend those months as quietly as possible. The delays are only temporary, and from June, 1946, right up to the end of December, 1950, there are strong indications of steady progress with practically all your interests.

July 11—21 Most plans seem to have reasonably good chances of success during the early part of 1945, but I am inclined to recommend a little extra care during the period September, 1945, to February, 1946. Prospects, in general, are slightly below par, and it seems to me that the wisest policy would be to keep to normal routine as far as possible. March, April, and May, 1946, are likely to provide good opportunities for restoring the balance and in spite of dull conditions during June and July, there seems to be very little to interfere with your plans. Determined effort should, in fact, bring steady progress at least until the end of 1950.

July 21—August 1 There appear to be sound opportunities for progress during the early part of 1945. Full use should be made of this period for putting new plans into operation. From April, 1945, until July, 1946, you can look forward to quiet progress with most of your activities. Matters of major importance, however, need to be settled before the

summer of 1946 From August of that year up to July, 1947, there are signs of minor complications which interfere with progress The end of the year, fortunately, shows a return to more stable conditions, and these hold good right until the end of 1950

July 31—August 11 Current indications suggest considerable activity in your affairs between now and the end of 1950 January is a good month for launching new schemes Progress is likely to be maintained during February and March, and then from April, 1945, to July, 1946, you can count on unusually favourable conditions for pushing ahead with your plans The end of the year is less active, but January, 1947, marks another turning point The first period likely to offer any difficulty seems to be the months of August, September, and October, 1947 There is another dull phase from February to June, 1948 After that, conditions seem to be fairly settled up to the end of 1950

August 10—22 1945 and early 1946 seems to be a period of quiet progress in most matters August to December, 1946, shows a quickening of the pace, and after a rather quiet spell there is another helpful period from May to October, 1947 Delays may occur at the end of the year, and I recommend extra care between November, 1947, and January, 1948 February to June, 1948, should enable you to make up for lost ground, but you had better take things quietly during the summer October is likely to bring more settlement, and by December you can begin to push ahead again May, 1949, seems to coincide with another dull spell, but from then until the end of 1950 progress is likely to be maintained

August 21—September 2 The next few months are unlikely to offer any spectacular change in the general situation. Your first big opportunity is, in fact, not due until September, 1948. It is quickly followed by a period which needs more than average care, and I think you had better proceed with caution in everything from October, 1948, to April, 1949. June, 1949, is admirable for most purposes, but the summer months are again dull. By October, 1949, however, there is every indication of more favourable influences and during the whole of 1950 you ought to be able to make rapid progress in practically all your affairs.

September 1—12 Settled conditions can be expected for some time to come, and results during the next three years or so will depend very much upon your own efforts. Round about October, 1949, there seems to be a slight deterioration, and I advise the utmost caution in everything from then until August, 1950. September marks the beginning of more favourable conditions, but in my judgment plans during the whole of this period should be kept on a rather conservative footing. The major opportunities for realising your ambitions are not due until later.

September 11—23 There is little evidence to suggest spectacular developments during the next few years. Steady concentration on major issues should, however, enable you to get your affairs on quite a satisfactory footing. The only period likely to prove disappointing is September to October, 1950, when unforeseen circumstances may cause some dislocation of your plans. The difficulties are short lived, and by December it should be possible to forge ahead again. The whole period favours the steady

expansion of existing interests rather than large-scale changes

September 22—October 3 You are likely to experience considerable fluctuation in your affairs during the next few months. After a dull January, you seem to meet with unusually favourable conditions during February and March. The situation changes rapidly, however, and the next two months need to be treated with all due care. June, 1945, marks the beginning of a more settled phase which is likely to last unbroken right up to November, 1950. Difficulties may arise during December. The general trend of influences seems to suggest that you will get the best results by concentrating on familiar interests throughout.

October 2—11 You now appear to enter a period of heightened activity, but there is some need for care in choosing the right time for action. January is admirable for most purposes. So are April and May. June to August, on the other hand, needs more than average care. From September, 1945, to February, 1946, you can count on good opportunities for progress in practically all your interests. March, April, and May of that year appear to be below par, but June and July are likely to provide fresh opportunities for achieving success. From August, 1946, to the end of 1950 there is evidence of steady progress throughout.

October 10—23 Conditions are rather quiet during the early part of 1945, but it is not until September that you are likely to meet with tangible difficulties. I advise plenty of caution from then until February,

1946, and again during June and July, 1946 August marks the beginning of a new phase of development with influences well in your favour. These helpful conditions hold good until December, 1946, and return again round about May, 1947. From then until August, 1948, they appear to continue unbroken. September to November, 1948, seems to be rather quiet, but from December, 1948, to May, 1949, you can count on good progress in most matters. The second half of 1949 and all 1950 shows increased stability.

October 22—November 3 Steady effort during 1945 and the first half of 1946 should enable you to make sound progress with most of your interests. From August, 1946, I recommend a fair degree of caution for approximately a year. By August, 1948, conditions seem to be more settled and the next twelve months provide a period of useful preparation for the more favourable spell which begins in September, 1948. The next three months are likely to be a time of heightened activity, and although December, 1948, to May, 1949, seems to be fairly quiet, there are good opportunities for realising your ambitions between June, 1949, and the end of 1950.

November 2—13 Progress seems to be on quiet lines from the beginning of 1945 to approximately July, 1947. You then appear to have to contend with a rather dull phase for three months, but November, 1947, to January, 1948, is a period which provides good opportunities 'for disposing of outstanding problems.' Further complications may develop between February and June, 1948, but once past mid-year you can look forward to general settlement in most matters. Perseverance on sound lines should, in fact, produce reasonably good conditions by the

end of 1950

November 12—23 You are likely to enjoy a period of comparative stability from early 1945 until October, 1947. Results will depend very much upon yourself but given care I do not anticipate serious difficulties. November, 1947, to January, 1948, seems rather dull and ambitious schemes had better be postponed. February to June, 1948, seems reasonably helpful, but you will have to make due allowance for the possibility of a dull patch from July to September. From October, 1948, until the end of 1950, there is every reason to anticipate sound headway in most matters, with the exception of May, 1949, when minor setbacks may occur.

November 22—December 3 Conditions appear to be fairly settled for some time to come, and I think you can safely count on sound progress from the beginning of 1945 up to September, 1948. After that, you may have to contend with a rather dull spell of approximately six months, during which there is need for plenty of foresight, backed up by perseverance, if you are to continue to make headway. May, 1949, seems to be the most favourable point for important projects. The summer, from June to September, is dull again, and you may find it difficult to make progress for a time. By October, however, the outlook is more favourable and 1950 promises to be a fairly helpful year in most respects.

December 2—12 The evidence suggests a period of comparative stability in your affairs for some time to come. I do not think it would be wise to attempt drastic changes, but commonsense in dealing with ordinary activities should produce surprisingly sat-

isfactory results. The only difficulties appear to develop between October, 1949, and August, 1950. You will need to take things quietly for a time, but given reasonable care, I do not anticipate serious strain. The last four months of 1950 show an easing of the tension, and I think you are likely to end the whole period with the balance well in your favour.

December 11—21: The main tendency during the next few years is towards increased settlement in your affairs as a whole. I think you will be well advised to concentrate on steady advancement with well-established interests. Your own efforts will be the deciding factor in achieving success, but there is little prospect of benefits arising out of pure experiments. The only period which calls for special comment is a short interval between September and November, 1950, when prospects appear to be below par. Carelessness at that point might easily cause delays. Given steady effort, there is every indication of settlement by the end of the year.

December 20—January 1: I advise you to postpone important undertakings until after the middle of 1945. The early months are rather dull and there is some risk of setbacks if you attempt any drastic break with normal procedure. June, 1945, however, marks the beginning of a more satisfactory period which is likely to continue almost to the end of 1950. During these years, it seems to me that you will get the best results by steady concentration on your main interests. Mistakes seem probable during the month of December, 1950, if you allow impatience to get the better of your judgment.

December 31—January 11: The next few months need to be planned with rather more than average

care. Good opportunities for progress exist at the beginning of 1945, but you may have to contend with unexpected difficulties round about mid year. September marks the beginning of a more settled phase which continues until February, 1946. March, April and May, 1946 seem to offer fewer opportunities for progress than usual, and I think you will be well advised to play for safety for a time. By June 1946 you are likely to be in a more favourable position altogether. From then until the end of 1950 I anticipate steady progress in most matters.

January 10—20 Plans for advancement should be put into effect as early in 1945 as possible. You can reasonably expect to be able to make headway until September, when there are signs of unexpected delays. The dull conditions appear to continue until February 1946, but after that the situation improves and, in spite of a dull patch in June and July, you can look forward to an unbroken period of progress for the remainder of the time up to the end of 1950. The general tone of these years is rather quiet, but determined effort should enable you to secure good results in most of your major activities.

January 19—31 February and March 1945, seem to have more than average significance, and I advise you to plan so that your main efforts coincide with these two months. From April on, conditions seem to be rather quiet, but the absence of special difficulties should make it possible for you to get your affairs on a more settled footing altogether. I advise you to deal with important issues before August, 1946, as far as possible for there are signs then of a rather dull spell which extends right up to July, 1947. Commonsense should enable you to avoid major difficulties, but you will have to wait until Aug

ust, 1947, and the succeeding months before tackling important undertakings. The two years, 1949 and 1950, are reasonably progressive throughout.

January 30—February 11 Favourable developments seem probable at the beginning of 1945, January being a particularly helpful month. They are followed by further benefits between April and July. The rest of the year is rather uneventful, but early 1947 shows a quickening of the pace for approximately three months. I recommend increasing care as you approach August, 1947, for from then until October you may have to face a series of irritating delays. The end of the year shows more settlement, but difficulties again tend to come to a head during the first half of 1948. By June the tension shows signs of lessening and the remaining months between July, 1948, and the end of 1950 are reasonably helpful from most points of view.

February 10—19 Conditions vary considerably during the next few months, and careful planning will be essential if you are to get the best results. The points of maximum opportunity appear to be August to December, 1946, May to October, 1947, February to June, 1948, and December, 1948, to April, 1949. The periods which need the greatest care if mistakes are to be avoided are November, 1947, to January, 1948, July to September, 1948, and May, 1949. During the intervening periods the tone is reasonably settled, and you should be able to hold your own in most matters.

February 18—March 2 There is every reason to expect fairly settled conditions from the beginning of 1945 until August, 1948, and efforts during this period should be directed primarily towards the con-

solidation of your main interests. September, 1949, is the point to choose for launching ambitious schemes. By October, however, there is need for increasing care in view of the dull conditions which appear to prevail between then and April, 1949. May is slightly more favourable, but June to September is a period which again needs care. It is followed by a much more progressive spell which continues right through to the end of 1950.

March 1—12 There is little evidence of spectacular developments for some time to come and I am of the opinion that the wisest policy will be to plan the next few years on rather conservative lines. You can count on reasonably good progress in most matters from the beginning of 1945 until September, 1949. Between October 1949 and August, 1950 the pace seems to be considerably slower, and I think you will do well to play for safety in most matters. The first four months of 1950 show a return to more settled conditions. Steady effort should enable you to make reasonably good headway in most matters.

March 11—21 Difficulties are likely to be remarkably few during the next five years and careful planning should guarantee success with most of your schemes. Results will, however, depend very much upon your own initiative. The only point which seems to require special care is a brief spell between September and November, 1950. Even then, foresight will help to reduce the risk of setbacks, and there is no cause for anxiety, provided you are prepared to take things quietly. The situation shows a change for the better right at the end of the year, and my opinion is that by 1950 you are likely to be well on the way towards realising a number of outstanding ambitions.

PART FOUR



1. RECAPITULATION

We may now see what we have achieved together. First, there has been a serious effort at understanding the nature of the problem which, somehow or other, every individual will have to tackle in the present phase. I have done all I could to make it clear that no superficial thinking is permissible. If you are unprepared to dig for facts—facts about the big issues, and facts about yourself—then you will have only yourself to blame if you come eventually to shipwreck. My impression, at the outset, was that you must have been anxious to face facts otherwise you could not have got past the opening pages of my book.

So we came to discussion of the main trends. From that we passed to examination of the special problems of post-war periods in general. Thence we went on to study what astrology has to say about *this* post-war period.

After that (and I hope you were conscientious about it) we turned our attention to some study of ourselves as individual travellers through this period. Enough was said at the time, I think, to make you feel the tremendous importance of this.

Then, by natural progression, I gave you my views on trends in your own life.

Is all that information sufficient?

Is it all that astrology, taken as a serious study, has to offer?

Admittedly it is much, but I am going to say very frankly—and perhaps to some readers' consternation—that what I have offered so far is not more than a small percentage of what is to be found in the astrology of our time.

I am not concerned that most people will be more than satisfied with classifications and predictions. Most people are much too easily satisfied. If they were not, the majority of men approaching the public would have to do much better than is their habit. Yes, I say that openly! The general public make too few demands, not too many, upon public men. Hence the talk common among such men of 'what the public wants'.

'Give the public what it wants—and if it does not seem to want it, trick the idea up so that the mass of people think they want it.' That is common 'philosophy'—as you would be quick enough to discover were you to spend a little time back stage. But this stimulation of wants is only a profit making trick. It conveniently leaves out of consideration what the public *needs*.

In relation to astrology I am well aware that most people's ideas are conditioned by outer influences. They want astrology, but they are too often given only the husks of it. Let it be recorded that this is usually against the will of the astrologer. But this is no place to discuss the many factors which (in the present state of society) are bound to rule any public presentation of ideas. What is important to discuss is the public want which (shall we say for lack of anything better? Yes, if you like you may say even that!) is covered by astrology.

For example, where else could such information as has been given here have been obtained by most people? Have you been overburdened elsewhere by frankness in discussions of post war conditions? Have you been told by any of the pontiffs of public utterance how much your part in these years will have to depend upon your own ingenuity? Have you ever been asked to carry out a reasonable examination of yourself? The plain truth is that, for one reason or another, the public has been consistently hoodwinked, amused, played with and tricked—

anything but offered a means to deal with life on a strictly individual basis. That does not mean that I flatter myself on my own effort. All I am saying is that the chief reason why astrology is wanted is because the average man and woman knows a large variety of fears which make life a burden and so has recourse to what he, or she, thinks may quieten them. I think perhaps this might be compressed into the statement that, in a society which rides roughshod over the individual, astrology is the only thing most people know which gives importance to the individual. It is not, of course, the only thing which does.

Even so, the attitude concerning astrology of nearly everyone I meet is founded on a totally incorrect conception of what astrology is, and what it sets out to do. About this, I would like to say something, because I feel it is possible for you to help yourself, and to be helped, if you can grasp some of the higher implications of this study. You have gone thus far with me. Now inspect the wider benefits offered you.

2 ASTROLOGY'S WORK

If you were asked off hand what was the function of astrology, I think you would say, 'To predict the future'. If by that you meant the *sole* function of astrology you would certainly be totally wrong in your answer.

There are four major tasks which have been placed upon this study. Prediction is of these, the least important. That, no doubt, occasions you considerable surprise. It need not, for my meaning is that without the remainder of its work astrology is robbed of true significance and becomes the tool of those who, as I recently remarked, are intent only upon profitable exploitation of human needs and fears.

What is this work?

You can divide it into four main parts. The first, and the most important, is to declare the truths about the universe—and in doing so to stress the vital importance of every individual man and woman to the entire scheme. Only in so far as the astrologer sees this to be his principal function has he any right to take his work to the public. Where he neglects this function he becomes merely a charlatan, and the story of astrology has been smothered over with the doings of such men.

The second great task is the interpretation of history. It is clear enough, to anyone who thinks, that the main difficulty humanity has encountered has been its disinclination to learn from former days. 'Experience is the great teacher.' It is a saying which almost sounds right, but how much learning has ever been accepted from that teacher? If a teacher has not a class of pupils, is he a teacher? Only theoretically. We blunder through the centuries, we humans, and make the same kinds of mistakes over and over again. The wars of this age are basically similar to all previous wars, as to causation, as to performance, as to cruelty and ignorance. We have not learnt much from experience—yet!

The third task of astrology is the analysis of individual men and women. Such analysis as has been briefly essayed in this work, for example. The simplest of all truths is that a man can never function effectively unless he knows himself. I think the Greek 'Know thyself' probably the most cynical remark ever uttered. How many of us do? How many want to?

Prediction forms the fourth part, but even about this most people have quite the wrong idea, and I want to try to put the matter right before we part company on the last page of this work.

Now let me be very blunt. If you are not prepared for some frank speech—if you are interested in your

life merely from the angle of 'having your fortune told'—if you are not deadly serious about making a good job of your life—shut up the book. Do not read any further.

My interest—my master interest—is in men and women who are struggling through the intricacies of this Society-of-a-Thousand-Wrongs which we are audacious enough to call civilized, and which some folk have the blasphemous impertinence to call christian. All I ask myself at this critical moment in history is, what has astrology to offer such people? If the answer were nothing but predictions, I would walk out of astrology. I mean that!

The answer is very different, as you shall see—if you are prepared to continue with me now.

3 BASIC STRUCTURE

Begin at the beginning. This is a little lesson in life—life as astrology sees it. It is not a difficult lesson, and if you can grasp its simple outlines, you will find yourself in possession of a sound footing for other ways of thought.

- Life, says astrology, is like the zodiac, and the zodiac is like life. That means, of course, the employment of twelve divisions such as are already familiar to you. Twelve divisions with a certain beginning which no scientist has ever been able to disprove, which many a great man has accepted as truth.

Look at these twelve divisions for a moment. They run, in their popular form, from Aries to Pisces, and each of them has a meaning. Take this interpretation for a start.

Aries, Taurus, and Gemini Springtime
Cancer, Leo, and Virgo Summer
Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius Autumn
Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces Winter.

Again, look at this

Aries, Taurus, and Gemini Seedtime
Cancer, Leo, and Virgo Maturing of the crop
Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius Harvest
Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces The earth re-
newed in winter

It is a beautiful arrangement, is it not? Our lives run to its rhythm, year after year And that same rhythm is seen in the people born at these parts of each year You can prove it for yourself quite easily Thus

Aries, Taurus, and Gemini people Energetic,
live wires'
Cancer, Leo, and Virgo people Patient, color-
ful, serious
Libra, Scorpio, and Sagittarius people Mature,
in gathering, jovial
Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces people Con-
centrative, sensitive, and idealistic through deep
faith

One could continue indefinitely with such inter-
pretations but I must content myself with but a few
such ideas in this place Think, for instance, of your
life set out in this manner

Aries creation out of the original life seedling,
Taurus the upbringing of body and muscle in
babyhood,
Gemini the dawn of intelligence, and out
movement,
Cancer organic consciousness the out flower-
ing,
Leo individuality, with positive powers blo-
soming
Virgo birth of discrimination, sex life con-
sciousness
Libra fulness of personality and equilibrium,
Scorpio all the powers going into the life form
Sagittarius the full growth, with ideals fixed,

Capricorn organization of that growth into an economy,
Aquarius, the turning towards still higher consciousness,
Pisces completion, beautiful or otherwise, and dissolution

Shakespeare wrote of the Seven Ages of Man, but this Twelve Age system is more complete, as I think you will agree. If we were so handled in our beginnings, and taught to handle ourselves in our up-growth, as to secure the maximum of good from this natural growth of man's life, how much happier might not we be! But that, says astrology, is yet to come to man—that a whole system of education will be accepted, perhaps thousands of years hence, which will give every man-child and woman-child a full life, instead of the jagged jumble of odd experiences and intermittent cruelties which we now know is our lot.

More astrology recognizes that this is how man first grew! And thence hangs the whole story of a setback in olden times—a fall, perilous indeed, and the downward momentum of which is by no means arrested at this time of day.

Let me give you one more example (a more personal one still) of this zodiacal progression at work, this time in the field of ambition. How is an ambition achieved? Is there a royal road to success? Is there, above all, a formula which anyone can follow, according to his or her needs? Yes, here it is

Aries the seed with which the individual began. We are all born with certain strong tendencies, each according to nature. My classification in Part Two gives some idea of what may be expected from each of the Twelve Groups mentioned.

Taurus growth of the seed of ambition to a movement within the will. This is the moment when one

begins to move towards the desired ambition

Gemini learning, so as to fit oneself for the ambition

Cancer the patient welding of will and intelligence to an organic whole

Leo first exercising of the powers so far accumulated

Virgo handling of current experiences in the light of some deepening discrimination, the analysis of experience so as to understand why failures occur, why successes are obtained, a phase omitted by so many promising men and women, but once in possession of discrimination any man or woman can move upwards

Libra the achievement of a personality, with sound judgment in the sphere of the ambition

Scorpio an all out phase, with every part of the individual flung into the struggle, the 'blitzkrieg' period

Sagittarius out of the struggle achievements, and out of the achievements solid ideals which will guide the career on

Capricorn organization of the career to stability

Aquarius the carrying of the ambition beyond any levels yet attained This phase is open to genius and is explorative

Pisces completion of the career and the kindly decline

That, I tell you, is a picture of the perfected career Is it not true that almost every career, save only that of the great man, breaks off somewhere on this line? How many of us ever get past the Leo point, where we are functioning but go on in a blind vanity without experience being used, and without anything approaching the first rate whether of material ends or the ends of the spirit? Yet the 'course' is so simple You can get it all down into easy proportions and in the simplest language

I You have certain capabilities,

2 Find out what they are and tend them so that they grow;

3 Learn—learn—and still learn,

4 Use patience with yourself, bringing your will into play with your intelligence,

5 Begin early to use what powers you have—but use them in the certain knowledge that you are a beginner in this thing,

6 Take time frequently to go over your experiences to find out why you fail in this, why you succeed in that, and how it may be possible to do everything well,

7 Strengthen your judgment and personality;

8 When you have done all this, throw all you have into the struggle for your ambition,

9 As you succeed, lift your standards gradually, and maintain a vision of the highest possible,

10 Then organize all, get every unit in place, with yourself functioning smoothly and sweetly as a well-made machine—yet not as a machine, but as a living organism,

11 If once here, lift your head and strike for a higher yet than has been attained,

12 That achieved—and you will never be satisfied!—make your completion with gratefulness and the deep understandings of life you have learnt

Well, a good many people have thrown mud at astrology, but I have yet to hear of a saner, more natural, way to true success in life, and it is soundly astrological—it is not anything of my own creation. It is, in fact, *the only way!* And to it astrology adds only this rider: make your ambition something worth while—something which can satisfy you always! Which is the hardest rule of all

But we must leave this side of our subject, staying only to remark that these rulings are not merely astrological. That they certainly are in basis, but they are the unconsciously accepted rulings which govern all successful careers. There is no other for-

mula for success. It is the formula which may be seen working out in the lives of the greatest men and women everywhere.

4 YOUR NEEDS

It will scarcely surprise you, after what has been said, to discover that astrology offers a basic structure of all human needs. The ramifications of this part of our subject are not understood yet, and it seems doubtful if psychologists will care to look in this direction in order to fortify their work. That is a pity, because astrological formulæ contain the most part of all the psychological facts so far brought to light.

I am not going to weary you (or myself) with intricate scientific details. Let it suffice to consider your needs—the needs of every normal life—as astrology sees them.

In this matter I have leaned heavily upon the facts revealed by my correspondence over many years. I have asked myself, 'What are the needs which have produced this correspondence? Do they fall into recognizable categories?'

My conclusions can be set down briefly. Precisely as was to be expected they fell into a pattern which was astrological.

Your needs are these:

- 1 To be a recognizable individual, and to overcome in the life-struggle
- 2 To secure a sufficiency of physical ease
- 3 To avoid injury to your interests, and to gain pleasing assent of others to your aims
- 4 To give protection and comfort to those in your care
- 5 To gain the reward of appreciation, at least, for

your work, in other words, to be recognized in your sphere

6 To satisfy your emotional aspirations and sex-desires

7 To gain knowledge of some kind

8 To secure the benefits (material or otherwise) of your labours, and thus to take the prize of your ambition

9 To emulate other people—your hero, perhaps, or maybe merely the people of the walk of life you have chosen

10 To obtain security and abolish the fear of want

11 To enjoy friendship and the co operation of your kind

12 To get away from work, or trouble, or danger—in which may be included the desire to retire, a want often expressed in mere escapism

I challenge any psychologist to show a fault in this presentation of the basic needs of any ordinary man or woman. I challenge him to offer any extension upon it which is not an extension merely of one or other of these wants I have listed here. Challenge in a friendly spirit, that is I am still in the learner's class and welcome amiable teaching.

If you examine your own life you will find very quickly that all these wants have their part. More, you will find that in several instances the want is still very much a want, it has never been satisfied.

Turn back for a moment to my little sketch of your life on page 108. You will find the twelve astrological groupings I gave there will quite easily lie side by side with this list of your wants. Let us try it out, adding comments.

Aries creation to be a recognizable individual

Taurus upbuilding securing of physical ease

Gemini intelligence avoidance of injury to interests and gaining of pleasing assent

Cancer the out flowering protection and

comfort of those in your care

Leo . positive powers . . gaining of rewards and recognition in your sphere.

Virgo . discrimination and sex-consciousness . . satisfaction of emotional aspirations

Libra . . personality and equilibrium . . the gaining of knowledge of some kind

Scorpio . the powers going into the life-form . . securing of benefits and the prize of your ambition

Sagittarius . full growth with ideals fixed . . emulation of others

Capricorn . organization . security and abolition of want

Aquarius . higher consciousness . friendships and the co-operation of your kind

Pisces . completion . the getting away from and retiring

Spend a little time to study this. It is not difficult—at any rate, it will not be for anyone likely to secure successes in the life struggle.

Then consider the actual facts behind my correspondence. We can see what wants exist and, knowing that they fit into this general scheme of life, can begin to do something about them—which is the important thing. Talking about them will do very little good unless we can find remedies for the pains of wants felt by us all.

I can tell you at once how these things reach me.

1 'I feel I am a nobody. I am virtually unwanted'.

Remedy Study yourself and ignore other people's opinions—or the opinions you imagine they have of you. Turn back to my classification in Part Two (page 28) and begin with that. I stress one point for your encouragement: you are an individual unlike any other individual (astrology's ancient law) and you certainly *do* possess definite capabilities. You *are* somebody. Somebody to this extent, that the very universe looks to you as a useful unit in the

outworkings of its gigantic plan Try to believe this Give my classification a chance Regard this as the start of your new life—a totally new life

2 'I lack even the ordinary comforts of life There seems to be nothing but hardship without my ever being able to rest'

Remedy Build up resistance to hardships by seeing them now as *temporary factors in your development* and a means to hardening the muscles of your mind and body against the struggles to come If you sit down to bemoan your lack you only add to your lack This will not do! And do not imagine I am sitting here writing about something of which I know nothing If I have only the recollection of my seven mile walks to and from my work, wearing second hand shoes, after the first world war, I have enough to liven my sympathies for other people in need To have known those days, with an empty stomach worrying more than the mental pain even, is to avoid any accusation of academic views of poverty To which I add a word of caution seek only the measure of ease which is absolutely a necessity to your life, do not strain after empty comforts

3 'Whatever I do, I am thwarted My employer cannot see my big idea My associates are jealous and stupid I feel I am in a dead end and my career is being ruined

Remedy Stop grumbling and take a new view of people You are employed by a man then give him the good work he is entitled to expect To this add the grace to make tactful ways of approach to him (if this is your problem) Study him well and find out what he really wants You can end your own want by ending his, perhaps And if it is a matter of being lost among difficult people study them, too, and treat them with diplomacy You can nurse your

private interests best by getting the interest and co-operation of other people. How do you suppose Bird managed to get people to listen to his 'mad idea' of television? By liking other people enough to secure their trust and returned liking, by impressing them with his doggedness and self denial for an idea, by knowing how to approach people. You can do the same, but you never will if you begin by regarding the top man, or your associates, with suspicion, or with unnecessary belief in their hostility.

4 'I cannot get ahead. I have my family to consider. It seems useless to manage with such great responsibilities.'

Remedy. Shoot the family? You smile. Well, I know just how it feels! Families are like that sometimes. But whatever the conditions you face, this is certain: that you have the protective instinct as have most people, and you need to push this along the path of your ambition. That means ceasing to regard responsibilities of this nature as a burden. Do the opposite and start to look upon them as useful training. In what? In the shouldering of responsibilities. For every success in life is partly founded upon the desire to protect someone or something (think this over) and is partly made by the struggle to enlarge the capability for protection. Do you suppose a great business chief has not to widen his powers of protection continuously? If he is any good at all, he has the shepherding of vast numbers of people and sees the provision of their needs as part of the great game. So with your limited responsibilities. *Accept them gladly!* For this is very true: that, having such responsibilities, you will have to acquire patience enough to deal with them and vision enough to defeat dangers to them before you can advance further. I think you ought to make the attempt, not rest on complaints.

5 'I lack appreciation'. This in a hundred variations

Remedy Earn it! We all imagine we are not sufficiently appreciated—though most of us never admit it openly. It is part and parcel of human desire, and very right desire, too! How can you gain appreciation? By behaving and by working with all your might and main. There is no other way. Nobody has ever found a patent method of getting people to give appreciation, but your best—*your* best—cannot go without it. I believe we all have far more appreciation about us than we suspect, and probably for things we do not understand. If you ask me for more specific methods let these suffice: (1) Make certain your work is *worth* appreciation—that means achievement of a high ideal, (2) See that it is noticed—by use of a little judicious self advertisement, perhaps along right lines, (3) Sell yourself, by which I mean present your work and your powers in a favourable light, study how to give them a pleasing appearance and aim at other people's needs. I know it is all very difficult, but not too difficult for you.

6 'My emotions seem everlastingly tangled. I fail in my work. Everything is so upsetting! Besides, I do not appear to attract the opposite sex'—and so on with far too many variations for any representative question to be set here. You know the kind of thing, however.

Remedy There is only one to find out what is wrong. It is frequently something of a health nature. You could check up anyway to see whether this is so. Another frequent cause is a disordered sex life which needs no detailed examination at this point but is nevertheless one of the most fruitful of all causes of emotional disturbance: sex failures of one sort or another and general failure in life. It is fairly axiomatic that proper attention to the sex life is the

way out of these difficulties. Seek some sound advice. I am not a doctor, but I know most doctors could get at the roots of difficulties of this nature. So could any good psychologist. If successful living means anything to you, you should take such means to correct faults. One has only to consider the nerve-troubles which are rampant in this age to realise that a vast majority of men and women, without suspecting it, actually go in peril emotionally and sexually for lack of advice which any good doctor could offer. In this matter astrology has to be content with pointing the way, it is not qualified to minister in the fields of medicine or psychology.

7 'Most of the time I feel I am lost. I never seem to get any clear judgment of things about me and people. I suppose I have a lopsided type of mind'.

Remedy. The want here is learning. You must learn all you can about yourself, then about people near you, then about the issues which connect you. Sound judgment can only be obtained from frequent comparisons and bringing the will into play. Most people could correct such troubles by reading more. Others are naturally timid and need mostly to venture out with a little more self-confidence. Others, again, are filled with an assortment of prejudices, instead of factual ideas. It is obviously impossible here to analyse all these things, but it is possible to give a fairly safe rule. Here it is. First, keep to the issues which are in line with your ambition. Secondly, try to understand both sides of a case, leaving out any prejudices you normally entertain. Thirdly, when in doubt on a matter, seek the advice of some one who knows the ropes. And fourthly, stop talking about having a lopsided mind, start to trust your mind more, and to reduce the topload on one side by refusing to maintain views which are merely habitual.

8 'Shall I ever see any results for all my work? I have struggled for years and never seem to get any nearer any benefits from it all?

Remedy If you are satisfied that you are doing the type of work suited to you, and that you have the capabilities (without either of which your question would be meaningless, for a person with such a lacking of judgment must fail of success), then you had better sit down quietly and examine yourself for an inner cause. It is likeliest to be this: that you have not thrown everything into the struggle. You have functioned on a half-interested, half-hearted, will—and that will not do. Are you one-hundred per-cent in the fight? I doubt it. Of course, it may be there are economic, or other, reasons outside your own scope which militate against success. If this appears as the principal reason there is little you can do! If you throw away your ambition you will be unhappy. It will be better to pursue it without the higher rewards than to do violence to your emotional nature and intelligence.

9 'I know my job, I know what I want to do, I have some good possibilities, but I feel there is something missing. I find myself without any clear idea of what it all amounts to'.

Remedy This question, and others of similar type can generally be answered by the suggestion that a view of the higher octaves of life is likely to fill the want. For example, the professional man frequently suffers from a certain frustration and cannot place it, but often it arises merely from the fact that he has formed no genuine ideals. Life has to be lived to a purpose. Purposeless life is not life, it is only an existence and is of little use. Now, where shall we find ideals? There is one obvious place in which to look—among the men or women who have carried the profession to its greatest heights. There one will find, notably in biographical literature, that ideals

covering the profession have been laid down. Consider a theologian, to take an extreme example—he might have been the recipient of a doctorate, and might know the *Summa Theologica* from cover to cover, but if he has frustrated feelings might it not be likely that he has omitted to consider *life*, as lived off the pages of books, according to the ideals of St. Thomas Aquinas? Or again, a motor engineer similarly noted—would not he find scope for imagination, and better effort, in the extraordinary career, and perhaps the ideals, of Ford? I suspect so, though I consider Ford no particular saint! You must imitate others—that is *natural*, and we all do it—but you can avoid frustration by seeing the tremendous ideals we have received from the greatest of men.

10 'All my life, though quite comfortable in most ways, I have dreaded losing everything. I am afraid of want.'

Remedy. Partly, anyway, the proper organization of what you have. Partly, a psychological reformation. Usually this fear has its basis in a loosely ordered life. There is not enough cohesion, in spite of considerable success. You need to make your life as water tight as you can, without selfishness, and to organize your interests so that, supposing your fear were brought near, you would *know what to do!* Half the trouble, I find, with people in this condition is that they never face up to what they would do in such an emergency as sudden want. Why not calmly think this out? What would you do? Would you throw up your hands and sink because you could not manage to live without such and such a material possession? No! A commonsensical view of most people suggests that they would do far better than they imagine if they were put to the push. I do not discount psychological factors—but these I cannot do justice to in this place—even if I wished to tres-

pass on the preserves of the psychologists. But this I may say that the fear represented here is usually increased by the absence of any real faith in anything—let alone in a higher purpose for human life. It is worth reflection that such fear is found least of all in the intensely religious types—who often go to extremes in self-denial without trepidation. Verb sap

11 'My associations are unsatisfactory. I want to have an altogether different life, but whichever way I look I find my vision cramped. Actually I do not know quite what I *do* want but I know I am very dissatisfied'

Remedy Change your associations—no matter how painful it may be, if that is the trouble. In any event, spend some time thinking over how you can make your life useful to others. I know that sounds fairly pious, but most of us are lost in the small confines of our own backyards and never get a good view of the larger world. It is a common human failing. Open up to new ideas. Join some organization, if that suits you, and make associations which are driving not only in the same direction as your ambitions, but in the direction of your ideals. There is no other way so far as I know. Look higher, pitch higher marks for your ambitions, and get your eye on other people's wants, and away from your own. It is expansion you really need, and elevation.

12 'I seem to have got into an escapist mood. I seem to need amusement, and company, and all kinds of things, to help me to forget myself. I am really afraid of life nowadays'

Remedy Escape! That is the only possible answer. But it is an answer needing much qualification. For instance, have you never noticed the term 'offensive-defensive' in warfare? That means slog-

ging in instead of running away. But supposing you feel you must run somewhere *run!*—but know where you are going. Do not panic. You are entitled to run away, especially if you propose to make a stand later on. To run if you do not is, of course, meaningless, and will only bring complications. If you want an escape one rule only need be suggested: to choose one which will give you the chance to build a new line of defence. I grant you it would be better (theoretically) to stand and fight where you are, but human nature often recoils from the blows of difficulties and needs a chance to recover. Take the chance if this is your case. I stress, however, that *escape into fiction, into amusement, or into anything which you know is only in the nature of a dope, is fatal!* You must stage a strategic retreat, or nothing! How many men there have been who, faced with titanic difficulties, have found their own powers failing them. I think of those generals who conducted the retreat right across North Africa and into Egypt, and the hard way back again. They were retreating right enough, but they had their own personal retreat. Montgomery could often be found on his knees. It was *his* retreat. There he found a means to save an Empire. That was *his* way. It is worth some study as an example of what can be done in 'impossible' circumstances.

'But that is religion! It sounds odd coming in an astrological work! One had the idea that astrology was somehow opposed to religion. It has even been preached against. Is there, then, some angle of this subject which has not had its sufficient exposition?'

I am afraid there is. But the insufficiency has not been a fault of the writers on astrology, in the main, but the fault of inexpert examination of the field of astrology. I know, of my own contacts with people, the misconception which exists—a misconception which, even in reference to my own works, has no

foundation—for I have always been perfectly frank about the matter. May I say a few words about this in concluding my present task?

5 GREATER NEEDS

For two reasons I am obliged to make this exposition, which is also a plea for understanding, and to make it in positive terms (1) Because the religion of astrology is vital to any acceptance of it. There can be no question of astrology being a substitute for religion. There can equally be no question whatsoever of astrology functioning (as astrology) as in any sense of the word atheistic. To neglect to expound this would be a serious neglect of my duty. (2) Because to issue such a work as this without at least drawing your attention to the full implications must, at such a time, constitute a frivolous fooling with the lives of men and women facing very great difficulties and dangers.

You may ignore what I have to say under these headings, but the responsibility will then be yours, not mine.

Astrology teaches the existence of God. It believes that the solar universe, and any other universes which may exist, were divinely created, sustained, and so continue in all particulars.

In this astrology is, of course, at variance with the whole trend of modern science, which makes other claims altogether. It is noteworthy that modern science has as a general rule excluded astrology, together with other religious ideas, and has never ceased to attack it. The central fact in these attacks is the objection to anything which founds Man in the will of God and makes Man subject to that will.

As to its basic workings, astrology has claimed right from its beginnings that it exists solely to interpret the universe in terms of the divine. You may,

if you will, dispute its theory of revelation of the working of the universe in human lives, but you will be disproved by the vast body of fact which has been accumulated through the centuries and which has had the full acceptance of many of the greatest minds of the ages

In this work of revelation astrology has shown how events fall into recognizable patterns and it has never ceased during the centuries to proclaim that these patterns are proofs of the divine ordering of the universe. It has never, except in the mouths of ignorant men and charlatans, claimed them as proofs of 'fate' or 'luck'. Nor, note carefully, has it ever claimed *to be a special revelation of the will of God*. It has been content to point to the patternings and to construe them as the results of divine causation, not as compelling events upon the individual.

Let me make this perfectly clear. Astrology has found its work as an interpretation of events and a positing of possibilities. Do not believe anyone who suggests that it thinks, or teaches, that some star-formation of itself causes events. On the contrary, it has always appealed to men to 'rule their stars', by that meaning, to take note of the patternings that are discernible and then to act so as to secure the maximum good. And by 'good' astrology has always meant rightness—righteousness.

I make this statement with absolute authority. There is no astrologer who will come forward to refute me, though I would expect any of the numerous charlatans to do so privately.

But this is not all, by any means. It is not enough to say that astrology has a religious basis. It is essential in my mind to state *what is its position in relation to christianity*.

On this I can be as positive in my remarks, for it is quite true to say that, so far as the West is concerned anyway, the acceptance of christian revelation and of all reasonable christian authority has

continuously been given by astrology. By far the greater part of astrologues for the entire period of the Christian Era have been Christians (though it is honest to say that I personally am of no church or sect). If you doubt this, study their works, for there you will find on overwhelming evidence for my statement. Scarcely one astrological work known to us for centuries past opens without an invocation such as may be found in most Christian works. Why, opening even a current popular almanack (Raphael's), I find on the first page of the calendar the words, 'Magnify the Lord'. To label this (as some would like to do) as hypocrisy is to show small charity and less judgment. Why need 'Raphael', in this age of fashionable godlessness, ask his readers to 'Magnify the Lord'? One would have thought a hypocrite would certainly have gone with the prevailing tide, not opposed it with a quotation from the Magnificat!

To this I must add another clear statement. Though engaged in trying to discern the outworkings of a universal plan astrology does not seek to offer any authority on religion, but rather itself accepts such authority. Thus, it has never yet been necessary for a ban, in official terms, upon astrology. You can confirm this easily if you look, for example, for Papal bans. None exists. Religion does exclude superstitious practices, and in this, undoubtedly, it bans all usage of astrology for such ends. I agree absolutely with that ruling and, indeed, mark all usage of this kind as totally foreign to true astrology. It is, on all occasions, tantamount to charlatanism and as such not to be countenanced by any sincere astrologer.

Again I say, confirm all this with any responsible astrologer!

Now, this would all be meaningless, and out of place, were it not for one outstanding fact concerning you personally. It is the fact of greater needs

than are supplied by predictive material, and which are only partially coverable by such of my advice as you care to accept. These greater needs are, in my opinion, of vast importance at this time and I mention them holdly, even at the possible expense of astrology or of my own status, because it is my bounden duty.

You and I are not mere automations. We both know that, but we are often fond of behaving as though we were automatic and only the subjects of terrifying political forces which shake the world. Nothing, as you very well know, is farther from the truth. We are both of us moved by instincts and emotions which are not dictated by the way of the world, and which we know come from a Source which is not mundane.

Science has expended all its efforts on disproving this. A considerable part of political energy is devoted to disproving it. Yet, within ourselves, we know with certitude that these efforts are devoid of understanding and totally false. Thus the scientific view of Man as 'making himself', and the political view of Man as the 'creature of the State', deny something vital to our humanity. We cannot allow such claims and remain human. We cannot allow them and retain our freedom.

In this can be seen the cause of the disasters which so far have engulfed recent generations and which must, because of their persistence, engulf yet more, I fear. It is impossible, says astrology, to run the world without acknowledging the Supreme Authority. Yes, it says that—just that! And it is perfectly correct in making the assertion.

I go farther and say that you cannot make use of astrology without submitting to this ruling. You may think to plan the course of your life, and in some material particulars you may succeed, but the results will be a negation of success. I have seen too many men cursed with such 'success' not to feel

grave responsibility in talking to you at this time

Those greater needs are the all-important side of you, and any man or woman who fails to satisfy such needs must be prepared to find not only astrology failing (as it must in such circumstances) but the greater part of life failing them.

6 PRACTICAL ISSUES

A final word What if your hopes, and mine for you, fail—and for no such reason of ignoring the chief fact of life?

Most people's lives, in spite of all their efforts, contain a host of disappointments, failures, hours of suspense and of danger, times when reproaches fall upon them and friends fail them, and times of pain and bitter disillusionment. I have had my share of these things and, from astrology's heart, the means of dealing with them has gradually had to be learnt. If anyone had told me thirty years ago that the lesson was to be so simple I would not have believed him, it was hard to think the simplicity of the solution to so many troubles *was* a solution.

I give it to you in few words, but read them carefully.

First, get your mind in line with the everlasting things. I mean by that, see yourself (as, of course, you are) as a quite unique creation, part of the scheme of the universe, and, therefore, of importance. This process will not unlikely take differing forms of differing people. None can say how this act of belief will be for any given man.

Next, take a new view of your circumstances. Use astrology, by all means, to its fullest extent. That will help you with ideas concerning the road you are on. But use it as giving a perspective of spiritual, as well as merely material things. With this usage, consider your difficulties. Look at them as quite differ-

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